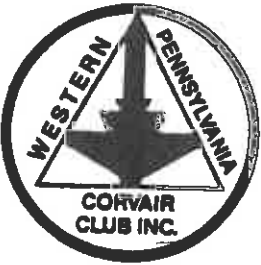
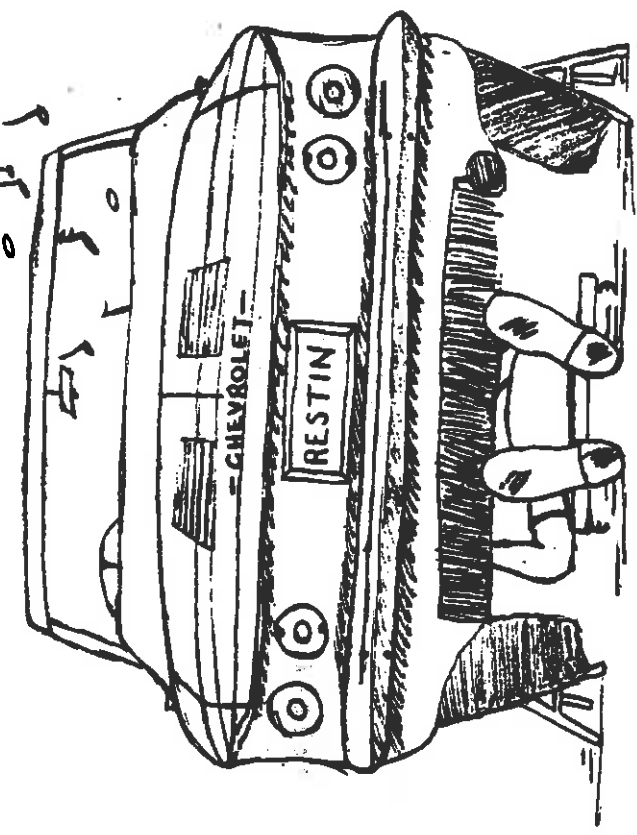


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WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

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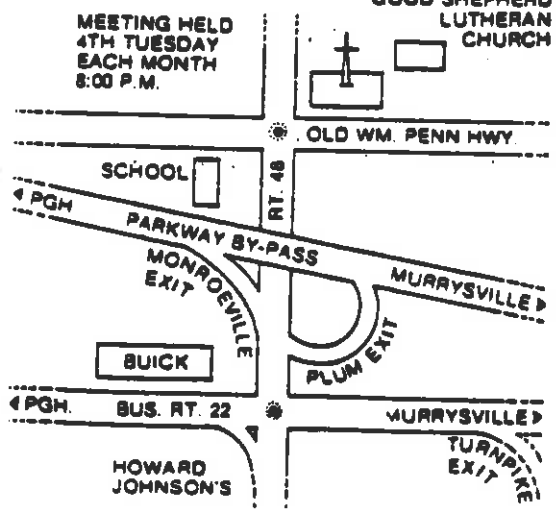
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Western PA. Corvair Club
634 Arden Lane
Pittsburgh, PA 15243

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

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TOWNSHIP OF WESTERN 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 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 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 Corvair 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 Corvair Club.

The long range goals of both clubs is simply to increase the enjoyment and preservation of the Corvair automobile. We provide - technical and historic information, parts procurement, professional publications, and an international classified ad service. We sponsor and participate in - Corvair shows, rallies, time trials, autocross events, mini conventions, and national conventions. We love driving to local points of interest, touring style, in Corvair convoys. We have parties, picnics, and dinners, there's always plenty of Corvair 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 Corvair into our club. Simply complete the attached application and mail it to Al Friend, WPCC Liaison. Remember, the nicest people drive Corvairs, 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 Shepherd 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.

MAIL TO: W.P.C.C. c/o
J. DALE SMITH
634 ARDEN LANE
PITTSBURGH, PA
15243

Name _____ Age _____ Occupation _____ Phone _____
 Address _____ Zip _____ Date _____

CORSA Member? Yes No. # Corvairs owned, yr., model _____
 Recommended by _____ Amount paid _____ Other car clubs _____

Other information: _____



Minutes of WPCC Meeting October 23, 1990

1990 officers president and secretary. meeting was read and approved. The treasurer's report was approved as read. The balance in the treasury is \$1,098.28. New members attending are Laura and Jon Pool from Johnstown. They own a '69 convertible.

1990 board members present: Bob Donnelly, Dale Smith, Wayne Jones, Ken Maglietta, and Al Friend.

The secretary's report for the September

Old Business

No newsletter was printed for October since the only information received by the editor was the meeting minutes.

Dave Capone gave a brief report on the Hershey bus trip. Hershey was wet but cleared. Lots of old cars but vendors left early. Four WPCC members attended.

Bill Brill drove to Hershey and attended an

auction nearby of confiscated guns. Bill said the mud was six to eight inches deep.

The Oglebay Tour event has been cancelled due to lack of interest. A revised program has been planned.

The holiday party has been scheduled for January 12, 1991 at the Linden Grove Restaurant in Castle Shannon on route 88.



New Business

Bill Artzberger announced a Halloween Parade downtown on Saturday, October 27. Convertibles are needed.

The nominating committee, Al Friend and Dale Smith, have contacted these people about being

candidates for 1991 officers: treasurer, Irene Artzberger; secretary, Pat Greenwalt; vice-president, Wayne Jones; president, Dave Fabyonic.

Car problems were discussed.

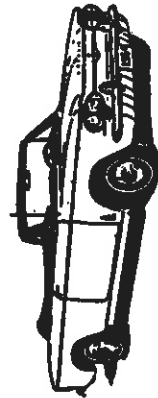
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NOTICE: 1991 is soon upon us. Why not send your dues in now and get it over with? Then, we won't be nagging you next year!

Membership still costs only \$10.00 per family. Send your check to Irene Artzberger, 305 Golf Drive, Pgh., PA 15229. Make the check payable to "W. PA. Corvair Club". Thank-you. We'll see you at the Holiday Party!

Editor



Holiday Party

DO IT NOW, WHILE YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT IT!

Reserve your place at the next annual WPCC Holiday Party! We are partying at the Linden Grove Restaurant in Castle Shannon on route 88 on January 12, 1990.

We can arrive at 4:00 P.M. A buffet style dinner will be served in the "Car Barn" dining room at 5:00 P.M. Cash bar will be open in the restaurant.

The buffet style dinner includes sliced roast beef, stuffed chicken breast, stuffed shells, green beans almondine, tossed salad, au gratin potatoes, and jello salad. Your cost is \$11.95 per person.

Remember, there will be no December or January meetings at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. The January meeting will be held at this Holiday Party on January 12. New officers will be elected at this meeting so BE THERE!

Your reservation must be paid by November 30, 1990. That is not far away!

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Hershey Bus Trip

The Corvair club sponsored bus trip to Hershey was again a very successful venture. It was strange that members of other clubs outnumbered the members of our club. Of the 44 passengers, only three were WPCC members!

Never-the-less all of those aboard enjoyed and appreciated the excursion. The bus left the old Allegheny County Airport at 2:10 A.M. (We waited ten minutes for two "no-shows".) We picked up two more auto enthusiasts at New Stanton.

A pit stop with coffee and doughnuts was made briefly at Sideling Hill.

By early daylight the rain threatened to make "Hershey" a very wet and uncomfortable day. But everyone came prepared with umbrellas, boots, and ponchos.

The show-car parade to the show field was already in progress. Some of the people made the trip specifically for this and were certainly entertained. It took more than three hours to fill the car show field...and the rain did little to stop the owners.

By noon, the rain stopped, the sun came out, the umbrellas and foul weather clothing was stored back in the bus and everyone headed for the 17 miles of flea marketeers.

Unfortunately, because the rain had started earlier in the week, many of the vendors had pulled up stakes and had gone home. The fields were a quagmire of deep, gobby mud and nearly impossible to navigate.

This situation did little to discourage our bus people. Most of them seemed to enjoy tromping through the mud to acquire that special part for which they came!

By 5 P.M. (departure time) the baggage compartments were nearly filled and our bus patrons were tired and weary enough to head back to Pittsburgh.

A stop was made (off the turnpike) for a much deserved dinner and our return arrival was about 10:30 P.M.

Nearly all of the passengers expressed their desire to sign up for our next Herbsey trip. At least three WPCC members are again on the list.

Bill Artzberger



Read This!

Last month, as you all should realize by now, no Journal went out because of lack of contribution from the members. Had we had a Journal, it would have contained, in addition to the cover, the minutes from the October meeting and "Prez Sez". It seems inconceivable that after a summer of parades, shows and car enjoyment that someone, preferably a new contributor, couldn't have written or supplied an article, tech tip, anecdote, or how about a lot of FOR SALE ads. If the cars really sat idle all summer, maybe we should sell them.

In the upcoming year, you have a dynamic state of officers from the "old guard". Unfortunately, it does not matter what quality officers or directors the Club has if the Club lacks participation.

The directors and officers this year tried to provide a good, active year. Participation was light. Assuming you care about your Club, hand write a list of events and tech sessions you would like to see in 1991, and give that list to Dave Fabyancic or Wayne Jones. There's little or no question that you, as the members and participants, have the ability to guide the direction of our meetings and events as you express wishes.

The easiest thing in the world is to sit after the fact and complain or make comments that you would have participated but the Club didn't do the type of thing you're interested in. We'll do anything, I think. What do you want to do?

Just to get the thought processes started, I have taken a close look at other car clubs in Western Pennsylvania and particularly successful Corvair Clubs across the country. Maybe meeting once a month and attempting to have an event once a month is too often. Maybe three or four times a year we could meet the Sunday before the fourth Tuesday at a designated restaurant with a meeting room, eat, have a meeting with tech session and just take the cars for a short cruise. Those months a meeting and event, obviously would be combined. Put your thinking caps on.

Assuming anyone is still reading this, let the new officers know that you are willing to be a director. Our Bylaws state that to be a President, you must first be a director. If we don't get new blood, we are limited to who can be nominated. Additionally, and obviously, Western Pennsylvania is a gold mine of built-in events, but, admittedly, the same directors do the same things, so now you have two challenges. Prepare some thoughts or lists, and give them either to incoming officers or Laurie to pass along, and volunteer to be put on the Board of Directors.

WPCC has always been one of the strongest and most active car clubs in the area. Let's continue to participate and have fun. Another big advantage to rekindling interest and participation is that the Editor will then be so swamped with material she will actually have to edit and cut material. Won't that be great!?



Prez Sez

Hello again.

And, well, good-bye! This is the last newsletter to wear the 1990 label. By the time you read the next one, the January, 1991 issue, someone else will be writing this column.

This has been a good year for WPC. Membership has steadily increased all year. As of this writing, we have 79 paid member families.

I look into 1991 with hope for renewed interest in long-time members whom I have never met.

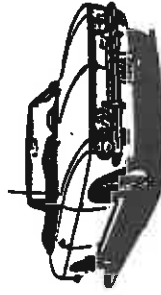
Thank-you to my fellow officers and to those members who contributed to the newsletter. Thanks also to the people behind the scenes for their advice, encouragement, and counsel.

Looking forward, next year the National Convention will be in Washington, D.C. Perhaps we will have local 'Vair people participating. I'd like to go...so this is an invitation to anyone else interested! (Maybe my coupe will be complete by then and I can drive it for the trip.)

Good luck to next year's officers. I will relinquish the gavel at the Holiday Party the way Al did to me last year.

Finally, Thanksgiving is soon upon us; remember those things for which you are thankful...and keep our friends and relatives involved in the 'crisis' in your prayers.

Laurie Maglietta



NEEDED: rt. side heater box bottom, rt. side sheetmetal piece to which heater hose connects, and a heater blower motor. Call Robb Maglietta at 228-4632 after 3:00 P.M.



Corvaair Days

Dick and I went to the Central PA Corvaair Club Corvaair Days meet September 8 and 9.

We left home Thursday evening at about six o'clock on route 22 toward State College. Outside of Blairsville rain began to fall. It poured so hard that the wipers could hardly keep up with it. We had recently attended WPC's tour of the Johnstown Flood Museum and dam site and I had just finished reading David McCullough's The Johnstown Flood so you can imagine our thoughts as we passed the Johnstown exits on route 22.

We missed a turn and drove over an enormous black bridge. Suddenly, we realized we were on the wrong road and had to turn around. Back on the right road, we arrived at State College at about eight-thirty. We met friends Jean and Steven and went to dinner.

Afterward, we headed for Williamsport and arrived at Aunt Grace's around midnight.

On Friday morning we did some shopping and in the afternoon we took Aunt Grace to Loch Haven to look for an apartment for senior citizens. On the way back to her house we stopped at Woolrich.

Saturday morning at six o'clock Dick and I ate breakfast and drove to York to the Corvaair show. The new location was easy to find and the weather was beautiful.

Eight dealers were set up in the Sheraton Inn parking lot with a good assortment of used and NOS parts.

About 25 cars were on display and about another 25 were in the parking lot. Eight to ten of the cars were for sale.

The Funkhana Gymkhana was fun to watch. There was a fan belt toss, frisbee toss, knocking tennis balls into a basket with a bat, shooting innertube rubber bands at liter soda bottles, and a dart toss. All of these had to be accomplished while driving your Corvaair around the track, stopping at the



various stations and playing from your car.

The tech sessions on installing o-rings and replacing wheel bearings in lates were interesting.

We managed to find a '66 Monza coupe with 19,000 miles. The car was all original, including the paint. It had only a few dents that needed to be repaired.

We headed back to Aunt Grace's so we could attend her church's steak dinner.

Deciding we were really interested in the '66, we called and

scheduled an appointment for Sunday morning.

We went back to the York Corvair Show on Sunday and ended up buying another Corvair.

Even though it rained, there was a pretty good showing of Corvairs but not as many as had been expected for the concourse.

The York location is easy to get to. There are a lot of shopping malls nearby if you get tired of looking at Corvairs and parts.

Marie Dandois



Car Club Happenings

What are some other Pittsburgh clubs doing? While our WPCClub seems to be active enough to please most of our members perhaps we can learn something from observing the activities of some other Pittsburgh car clubs.

The Packard Club will attend a "How to Paint Your Vintage Car" seminar on Friday, November 16 at the Transportation Museum at Station Square.

The Cadillac Club had a similar seminar in the past month.

The North Hills Historic Auto Club will sponsor a flea market at the McCrackin Ford Garage in January.

The Ford Club will sponsor a flea market at Jim McKain's Ford garage about the same time.

The N. Hills Historic Auto Club and the Performance Ford Club both sponsor large auto shows later in the year.

The Antique Auto Club of America (AACA) recently sponsored a trip to Denver, CO. While headquartered in Denver for a week, they made extensive

trips each day. One of the excursions was to the top of Pike's Peak. The cars were limited to 1930 and older! A Pittsburgh resident and an AACA member used his 1916 Buick for the trip to the top.

The AACA will sponsor a tour this coming spring. They will headquarter in Franklin, PA for one week. The cars should be 1930 and older.

The Austin-Bantam Club will hold its Annual Auction in McKeesport in November. It's requested that each member bring his or her soup bowl and spoon plus a covered dessert of a sort. The ladies of the club offer a huge pot of super-delicious home-made vegetable soup. You may fill your bowl as many times as you wish! The profits from the auction support the club's activities.

The Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club will sponsor a "Day at the Dragstrip" for Corvairs -- and open it for all cars 25 years old or older.

Bill Artzberger



KDKA-TV Halloween Parade

KDKA-TV sponsored a Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 27. The Corvair Club was asked to supply some convertibles for their "on-air" personalities. As usual, we were able to provide the cars needed. Some were not Corvairs but through our efforts there were more convertibles than needed!

Thanks to everyone who attended and to those who helped. Our Corvair Club seems to be gaining recognition at a rapid pace.

Bill Artzberger

NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 27

Classic Chevy Club Flea Market

The Classic Chevy Club sponsored and held a giant flea market at the South Park Fairgrounds building on Sunday, October 28.

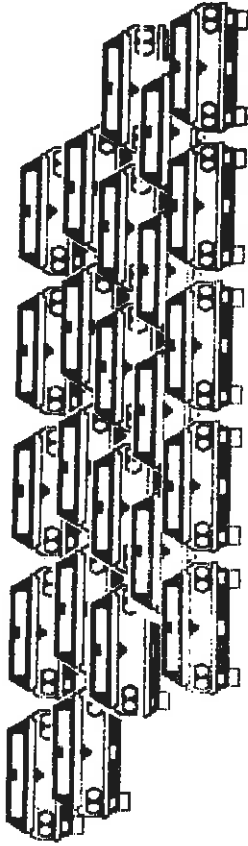
As usual, all of the lower floor spaces were occupied with parts vendors and some vendors spilled over onto the upper floor.

Most vendors offered Chevy parts for the years of mid-fifties to mid-sixties. Only a few Corvair parts were available.

The Classic Chevy Club is trying to remedy this by diversifying and making this event an "all-makes" flea market. Many Ford and Mustang parts were available along with a few vintage auto parts. The future Classic Chevy Club flea market should have something for everybody.

Some of our WPCC members are also members of the C.C. Club.

Bill Artzberger



TECH TIPS

TECH TIP: If you plan to store your Corvair for the winter, get a can of WD-40 and spray all the brightwork (chrome, stainless, and anodized aluminum). Be sure to spray behind the bumpers and include all the bolts and nuts. WD-40 will not harm your weatherstripping, so spray it also.

Next, spray everything in the engine compartment, including the battery connections. Use cotton shop rags to wipe

off any excess and allow a thin film to cover all of the engine sheet metal.

Spray the sheetmetal on the underside of the engine as well, and don't forget the hinges on the air exhaust doors.

If you jack up your Corvair, you can also spray everything on the underside.

When spring comes, simply spray the parts that you would like to remove the WD-40 from with Liquid 409 or Fantastic. Then hose it off and you are ready for car shows again!!!

Incidentally, if you don't store your Corvair for the winter the WD-40 treatment is even a better idea!

Bill Artzberger





Corvair Classified

Has anyone had any experience using electronic ignition systems on Corvairs? Let me know what you think about it. Rich Dandois, RD#2 Box 1530, Homer City, PA. 15748 or call (412) 726-5606.

FOR SALE: '65 Monza cpe, blue/blue, mech exc, 42K, exc cond, no oil leaks, lost storage, \$3,750. 726-5606

FOR SALE: M. Carolina '64 Monza, base coat/clear coat, new upholstery, chrome, and Clark's carpet, \$5,000 CA. 15% discount U.S. funds, odo 56K. A. Rossman, 155 McMorrin Crescent, Thornhill, Ontario L4J2T4 (416) 886-3784 Canada.

FOR SALE: '65 Monza conv, 60K, white/white, 140 hp, auto, new top, some body work, in New Kensington. Contact Marie Dandois.

FOR SALE: front crossmember, nearly new, fits 65-69, not available any more, get a spare for only \$150! 364-6842

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
- 20 month membership 50
- '1 year Canadian membership 28
- '1 year overseas membership 58
- '25 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, Michotien, IL 60445-0550. There may be a four to six week delay before you receive your first "CORSA Communicator".

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 car _____
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 129 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.