

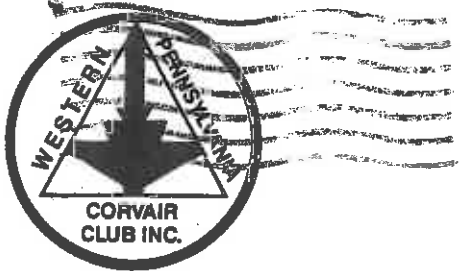
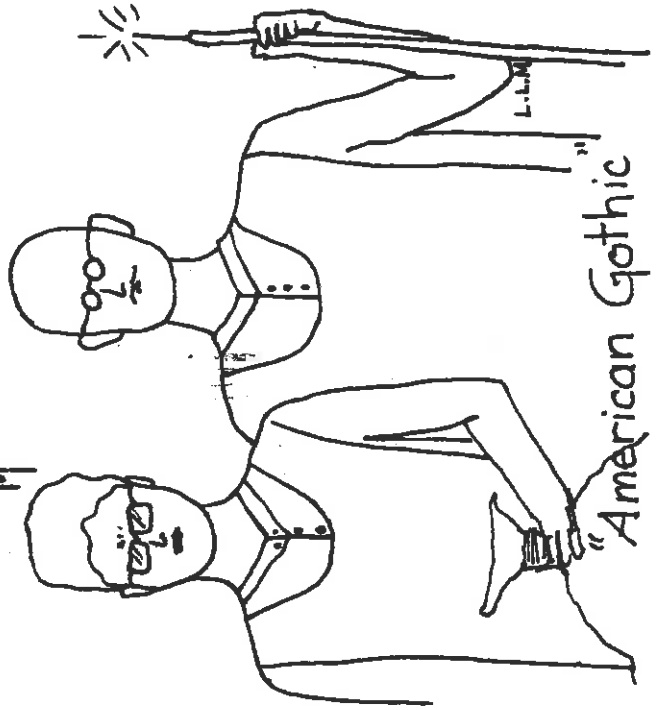
THE VAIR STREET JOURNAL

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

MARCH 1991

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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

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PARKWAY BY-PASS

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PLUM EXIT

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JOHNSON'S

TURNPIKE
EXIT

AL & CAROLE FRIEND
3677 FORBES TRAIL
MURRYSVILLE PA 15668

THE 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 todays 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 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. # Corvairs owned, Yr., model _____
 Recommended by _____ Amount paid _____ Other car clubs _____
 Other information: _____



Minutes of WPCC Meeting

February 26, 1991

Officers present: pres. Dave Fabyonic, v. p. Wayne Jones, sec'y. Pat Greenwald.

Board members present: Dick Breier, Dick Dandolo, Vaun Hamlin, Laurie Maglietta, and Dave M. Moore.

The treasurer's report, read by Bill Artzberger (substituting for Irene), was read and approved.

New Business

Dave Fabyonic reported that the officers and board members met to set up the tentative calendar for 1991. Dave also explained that he would like to try having two members volunteer to coordinate each monthly meeting. These members would take charge of planning the meeting, i.e. inviting a guest speaker, planning a tech topic, refreshments, getting information to Laurie for the newsletter, etc. We still need volunteers for June, August, and November.

Bill Artzberger discussed the governor's proposed increase in fees for special auto plates. He urged each member to write his state representative to protest the bill. A petition was circulated at the meeting. Bill, Laurie, and Vaun will be attending the Legislative Council meeting on March 17th.

Dave spoke about the work to be done at the transportation museum and asked for volunteers for March 2nd and 23rd. Bill reported on the good work already done by some club members. He also discussed the plans of the museum society for the building and the displays. Laurie Maglietta, one of the coordinators for the March meeting, said she'd have a video from PennDot. Details concerning the 'Adopt-A-Highway' cleanup will be filled in at the meeting. Don Baker suggested that we try to get publicity concerning the cleanup.



Dale Smith requested suggestions for the booth display at the April 7th Steel City Classics swap meet to be held at the South Park farm building. Al Friend suggested that everyone bring pictures to the March meeting to make up a collage.

Dave M. Moore talked about the April 27th Loyalty Day Parade. He'd like to have a minimum of 10 cars. Our participation will net the club \$50. He also suggested an after-parade social at the West View VFW. Dave Fabyonic explained that the parade revenue is our only income aside from dues. Dave M. Moore also reported that Ed Fay would welcome our cars for the St. Patrick's Day Parade but that there would be no money involved. Two other parades on this year's schedule are in Brentwood and Canonsburg on July 4th.

Dave and Jan Fabyonic are handling details of the May 5th Frick Mansion Tour.

Dave reported that he invited other car clubs to join us on May 26th at the Keystone Raceway. Al Friend urged club members to ask anyone with an old car to come along.

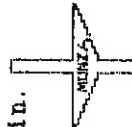
Bill Artzberger discussed the July 20, 21 Vintage Grand Prix where the club members provide security for the antique car display. As an extension to that, all car clubs are being urged to participate in a car show. There will be a designated area for display with a target of 1000 cars participating. Don Baker stated a need for people to help the race scorers. If some members would like to help in an area other than security, this is their chance.

Wayne and Judy Jones will make the arrangements for the Bedford Village tour of August 11th.

Laurie stated that the September 15th picnic will be at her grandmother's farm.

The Hershey bus trip is scheduled for October 12th. Dick Breier explained that this is a money maker for the club.

The October 18th square dance will be handled by Judy Jones and Charlotte Hamlin.



Dave M. Moore and Bill Artzberger are working on plans for a garage tour in October. Dave explained how the tour works. Interested people would visit 3 or 4 garages in the same general area to see how other car enthusiasts operate.

Al Friend proposed that the club spend \$16 to be listed in the Awe-Some magazine. This could increase our membership. The motion was seconded by Vaun Hamlin and approved by those present.

Dave called the members' attention to the current issue of the Channell 11 magazine which included a two-page spread on the Transportation Museum written by Bill Artzberger.

Loyalty Day Parade Will Be a Grand Celebration

Allegheny County Council, Veterans of Foreign Wars is planning their annual Loyalty Day Parade in downtown Pittsburgh on Saturday, April 27, 1991 at 11:00 A.M. with staging at 10:30 A.M.

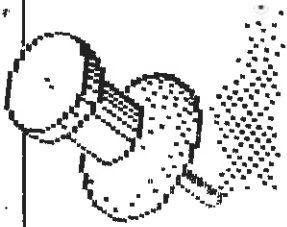
We hope to make this year's parade even bigger and better in order to show support to our troops in the Gulf War. Won't you please help us? We extend a cordial

welcome to you to join us in the line of march.

Parade route is the same as in previous years, forming on Centre Avenue at the Civic Arena to Court Place, to Fifth Avenue to Liberty Avenue to Gateway Center and the Reviewing Stand at the Hilton Hotel.

This parade is on the events calendar of the WPCC. Be there, or be square!

Editor



If you volunteered to participate in the PennDot Adopt-A-Highway Parkway Cleanup, be at the March 26 meeting. We will view a video about safety and set a meeting place and time for our first cleanup which is scheduled for April 6.

Sorry to report that Armin and Jan Abramson have sold the red '62 coupe and have moved to Florida. They will not be maintaining their WPCC membership and will miss the members very much. We'll miss you too; keep in touch and good luck in sunny Florida.

Al Friend

**NEXT MEETING
MARCH 26**



1991 Drags at Keystone Raceway

The event will be about the same as last year. We'll meet at 11:00 a.m. at the Corner Restaurant in New Alexandria, drive en-masse to the track and have a fun-filled day of racing. Keystone Raceway in Investing in a very expensive state-of-the-art Computerlink timing system that may be in operation by May 26. The price will be \$10 per car, a tremendous bargain. Talk it up to your old car friends and get the Corvair in shape.

Al Friend



Convertible making comeback

Today's "ragtop rally" continues a five-year comeback that has witnessed the rebirth of open-air motoring from its near demise in the mid-70s. At that time, automakers figured that air-conditioning and proposed rollover safety standards would kill convertibles. But those standards were never passed and a few imports and custom models were able to maintain the convertible's existence.

In the coming year, according to an article in GM Info-Briefs, consumers will have three dozen folding-top trucks and cars from which to choose.

The term "convertible" was coined in the late 1920s to describe folding top cars that featured roll-up windows instead of fabric side curtains. In reviving the convertible, automakers have improved the mechanisms which control the ragtops.



An older car makes great investment

"My Old Flame", a hit song of the '50s, could refer to a car of that era for many of us. Fanning the flame of America's love affair with older cars is their investment value. This holds true not only for collectors but also for novices with a sentimental attachment to a particular vintage car.

Convertibles are especially hot items, according to the experts. The value of a 25-year-old convertible in "good" condition, according to the 1991 edition of Edmund's American Dream Cars, can double when it's restored to prime condition.

If you're bitten by the Dream Car Bug and begin looking around for a good one, do some homework, says the book's co-author Bob McMinn. "Book stores and libraries are loaded with publications on the subject.

"Patience has its rewards in the searching process. Finding a relatively rust-free body, one that appears to have had little or no accident damage, may take time," he says. "Older cars can be expected to have worn interior fabrics and vinyl (or convertible) tops. This often is the easiest part of the restoration; the people who manufacture these products can

match virtually any material ever used inside a car. Upholstery shops have ready access to door panels, carpeting and headliners. Even a sun-damaged padded dash on most cars can be replaced with one that's identical to original."

Whether for sentimental or practical reasons, the appeal of a good, older vehicle in good condition makes repair and restoration a wise investment.

An illustrated pamphlet entitled "How To Keep Your Car Looking Young" (prepared in cooperation with NEATS) offers helpful tips on appearance maintenance. Copies are available for 50 cents and a stamped, self-addressed envelope from Car Care Council, Dept. N, One Grande Lake Drive, Port Clinton, OH 43452.



COONGBRATULATIONS!

to John and Gayle Sundloch on the birth of their daughter, Laura Ruth

An Invitation

In late April, Herb and Gae Horn will be returning to the Pittsburgh area for a brief visit. They intend to be at our regularly scheduled meeting April 23. For those of you not familiar with the Horns, they were very active members during the early '80's. Herb Horn was designated "COOKIE MONSTER" for his ability to consume almost any type of cookie in great quantities.

April 21 we will be holding an Open House for the Horns at the Smiths', 634 Arden Lane, Mt. Lebanon, PA, from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. Naturally, cookies will be available. We would like to have all Corvair club members feel free to drop by to renew the friendship.

Ray Horn

(412) 831-1597 AFTER 7:00 PM

FOR VENDOR REGISTRATION OR INFO CALL

SPACE LIMITED - VENDOR PREREGISTRATION
REQUIRED. VENDOR DONATION REQUESTED.

ADMISSION FREE! 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

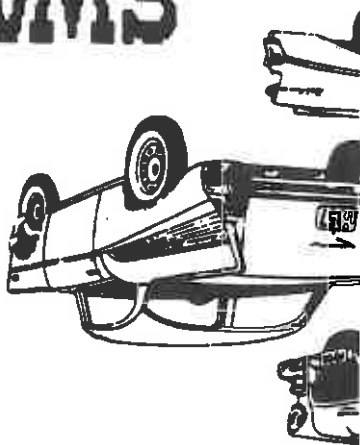
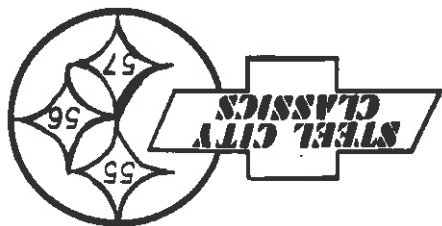
2 FLOORS OF SPACES
ALL MAKES & MODELS
OF PARTS WELCOME!

SOUTH PARK FAIRGROUNDS, MUSEUM BLDG.

Sunday, April 7, 1991

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INDOOR SWAP MEET



WFOC has been invited
by Steel City Classics to
have a club table at the
upcoming April 7 swap
meet to be held at the
South Park farm build-
ings. We have committed
to having a table and to
starting it for the pur-
poses of furthering inter-
est in the Corvair and
specifically in WFOC. At
this point, we have com-
mitments from Bob Donnel-
ly, Bob Hieber, Laurie
Maggiotta, and the Smith
family to staff the
table. If anyone has an
idea for an eye-catching,
easily-handled display, or
if anyone has such, please
contact either Dale Smith
or Bob Hieber at 561-0770.
Dale Smith

look! ↗



Collector Car Legislation Calls for Prompt Action

The pages reproduced here are those from Senate Bill no. 486 introduced by senators Stout, Porterfield, Musto, and Andrezeski. Contents of this bill apply to you, the car collector. Read it. Please be aware that any words or phrases that are underlined are those that are being added to the existing law. Those words or phrases that are in brackets, "[]", are being deleted. Pay particular attention to lines 22, 23, 24, and 25 on page -3-. Also see lines 12 through 22 on page -4-.

Vaun Hamlin, Bill Artzberger, and I attended the annual meeting of the Legislative Council of Motor Vehicle Clubs of Pennsylvania on March 17. This bill was a main topic of concern. If you are interested in writing to one of these senators about this bill, read these tips provided by the Council. 1) Personal letters are preferable to preprinted letters. 2) Praise the senator for something good he or she has done. 3) Write about one topic at a time. 4) In your first sentence, state that you oppose or support a bill or issue so that it is easy to tell which side you're on. 5) If you are referring to a bill, make sure you have the right title, bill number, and printer's number. 6) State your case. Show that you understand the issue and explain how it affects you. 7) Do not underestimate the value of your contact.

Editor



THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL No. 486

Session of
1991

INTRODUCED BY STOUT, PORTERFIELD, MUSTO AND ANDREZESKI,
FEBRUARY 20, 1991

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 20, 1991

AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
- 2 Statutes, further defining "antique motor vehicle" and
- 3 "classic motor vehicle" and adding the definition of
- 4 "collector motor vehicle"; removing certain registration
- 5 requirements; establishing a new registration plate for and
- 6 fixing a fee for collector motor vehicles; and further
- 7 providing for other fees, lighting equipment and inspection
- 8 requirements on such vehicles.
- 9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 10 hereby enacts as follows:
- 11 Section 1. The definitions of "antique motor vehicle" and
- 12 "classic motor vehicle" in section 102 of title 75 of the
- 13 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended and the section
- 14 is amended by adding a definition to read:
- 15 § 102. Definitions.
- 16 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent
- 17 provisions of this title which are applicable to specific
- 18 provisions of this title, the following words and phrases when
- 19 used in this title shall have, unless the context clearly
- 20 indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:



1 * * *

2 "Antique motor vehicle." A motor vehicle, but not a

3 reproduction thereof, manufactured more than 25 years prior to

4 the current year which has been maintained in or restored to a

5 condition which is substantially in conformance with

6 manufacturer specifications and appearance.

7 * * *

8 "Classic motor vehicle." A motor vehicle, but not a

9 reproduction thereof, [manufactured at least ten years prior to

10 the effective date of the amendment to this definition and,

11 because of limited availability, determined by the department to

12 be a model or make of significant value to collectors or

13 exhibitors and] which is included on the list of milestone or

14 classic cars published by the Milestone Car Society or the

15 Classic Car Club of America and has been maintained in or

16 restored to a condition which is substantially in conformity

17 with manufacturer specifications and appearance[, provided that,

18 five years from the effective date of the amendment to this

19 definition and thereafter, only a vehicle which was manufactured

20 at least 15 years prior thereto and, because of limited

21 availability, determined by the department to be a model or make

22 of significant value to collectors or exhibitors and which has

23 been maintained in or restored to condition which is

24 substantially in conformity with manufacturer specifications and

25 appearance shall be considered a classic motor vehicle under

26 this title]. Any classic motor vehicle registered under section

27 1340 (relating to antique and classic plates) on the effective

28 date of the amendment to this definition which fails to qualify

29 as a classic motor vehicle pursuant to these provisions may

30 retain such classic registration unless another type of

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1 registration is applied for and issued for the vehicle.

2 "Collector motor vehicle." A motor vehicle, but not a

3 reproduction thereof, manufactured more than ten years prior to

4 the current year, which has been maintained in or restored to a

5 condition which is substantially in conformity with manufacturer

6 specifications and appearance.

7 * * *

8 Section 2. Sections 1307(e) and 1340 of Title 75 are amended

9 to read:

10 § 1307. Period of registration.

11 * * *

12 [(e) Antique and classic vehicles.--Antique and classic

13 motor vehicle registrations shall expire upon the junking,

14 scrapping or transfer of ownership of the vehicle, except that

15 if the transfer is between spouses or between parent and child

16 the registration may be transferred upon payment of a transfer

17 fee.]

18 § 1340. Antique and classic plates.

19 (a) General rule.--Upon submission by a vehicle owner of

20 information satisfactory to the department that a motor vehicle

21 is an antique motor vehicle or classic motor vehicle,

22 accompanied by the appropriate initial registration fee, the

23 department may issue [special plates] a special plate for the

24 vehicle. (No annual registration fee may be charged for antique

25 or classic motor vehicles.)

26 (b) Use of plates.--It is unlawful for any person to operate

27 a vehicle with antique or classic registration plates for

28 general daily transportation. Permitted use shall be limited to

29 participation in club activities, exhibits, tours, parades,

30 occasional transportation and similar uses. Occasional

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- 1 transportation shall mean no more than one day per week.
- 2 Section 3. Title 75 is amended by adding a section to read:
- 3 § 1958. Collector plate.
- 4 Upon submission by a vehicle owner of information
- 5 satisfactory to the department that a motor vehicle is a
- 6 collector motor vehicle, accompanied by the appropriate fee, the
- 7 department may issue a special collector plate for the vehicle,
- 8 which shall have the same force and effect as a regular
- 9 registration plate.
- 10 Section 4. Section 1923 of Title 75 is amended to read:
- 11 § 1923. Antique and classic vehicles.
- 12 The fee for the initial annual registration of an antique or
- 13 classic motor vehicle shall be \$50. The fee for the renewal of a
- 14 registration for an antique or classic motor vehicle shall be
- 15 \$5, payable every two years.
- 16 Section 5. Title 75 is amended by adding a section to read:
- 17 § 1933. Collector motor vehicles.
- 18 The fee for issuance of a collector motor vehicle plate shall
- 19 be \$20 which shall be in addition to the annual registration fee
- 20 appropriate for the vehicle type. The issuance fee shall be
- 21 charged for each collector vehicle registration plate issued or
- 22 replaced.
- 23 Section 6. Sections 4303(e) and 4703(b)(10) of Title 75 are
- 24 amended to read:
- 25 § 4303. General lighting requirements.
- 26 * * *
- 27 (e) Equipment exempted by regulation.--Antique and classic
- 28 motor vehicles, animal-drawn vehicles, implements of husbandry
- 29 and special mobile equipment, if operated exclusively between
- 30 the hours of sunrise and sunset and not during periods of

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- 1 reduced visibility or insufficient illumination, may be exempted
- 2 from certain lighting equipment requirements of this part by
- 3 regulations of the department.
- 4 § 4703. Operation of vehicle without official certificate of
- 5 inspection.
- 6 * * *
- 7 (b) Exceptions.--Subsection (a) does not apply to:
- 8 * * *
- 9 (10) Antique and classic vehicles.
- 10 * * *
- 11 Section 7. This act shall take effect January 1, 1992, or
- 12 immediately, whichever is later.

Five Years Ago In the Journal

The 1986 calendar of events was presented and it was a good one, highlighted by the picnic and parade at Kenneywood Park. President Bill Brill was delighted by the large turnout for the February meeting. Meyersdale was the first event of the year with Archie and Alice Miller in charge. The cover was drawn by Jay Smith.

Al Friend



Corvair Classified

FOR SALE: 1968 Monza Coupe 110/auto. Dark blue with light blue int. No rust holes but needs painted. Interior very good, driver's seat needs repairing. Has not been used for several years but runs o.k. \$700 call Burnie Sabatos 431-1931.

BEST OFFER OR FREE: 1963 Corvair van, sound body, 3 on floor, 3:55 rear-end, surface rust, jalousie windows. Call Richard Panizza 776-5313.

FOR SALE: '66 500 coupe, auto/2 carbs, good doors, rust under back seat, quarters rusty, 60K-70K miles, driven daily, will deliver. \$225 OBO. John Oswald, Butler PA. 285-7989 or 283-6001.

Will auto scrap pile claim your vehicle soon?

Every 20 minutes Americans scrap enough cars to form a pile as high as New York City's Empire State Building.

Many of these vehicles reach the junk yard before their time, not because of accident damage but because of pure and simple neglect, according to the Car Care Council.

A well-maintained 10 or 15 year old car still should have plenty of useful life left in it.

It's not unusual for an engine to run a quarter million miles or more with no major repairs when it receives routine maintenance like regular oil and filter changes, cooling system service and tune-ups.

A transmission should last indefinitely with ordinary use and care.

But when an owner allows needed maintenance to accumulate, the resulting repair bill can be extraordinary, even exceeding the value of the car.



Corvair Society of America

Founded in 1969 by and for those who still appreciate the Corvair Automobile
P.O. Box 550 • Midlothian, Illinois 60445 • 312/339-6241

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.