

MAY 94

Minutes of WPCC Meeting

March 20, 1994

Kick-Off Party/Meeting      Ivanhoe Apartments

Officers Present: President, Al Friend; Vice President, Wayne Jones; Treasurer, Bill Brill; Secretary, Pat Greenwald.

Board Members Present: Sandy Artzberger, Don Baker, Dave Fabyonic, Bob McCune, and Dale Smith.

The minutes were accepted as published. The treasurer's report was read and approved. The balance was \$749.42. There are 51 members.

Old Business

Where is the club banner? No one at the meeting knew. We need it for the Nationals. Wayne will ask in the next newsletter.

Bill Artzberger and Vaun Hamlin attended the Legislative Council meeting. Vaun is the V.P. of the Council.

John Sweet sent Al his new business cards and Al distributed some to the members.

Al reviewed the 94 schedule of events that was printed in the last newsletter. The mid June reception for Herb and Gay Horn is now scheduled for June 18 from 3:00 till 7:00 at the Smiths.

New Business

Dale Smith volunteered to head a committee to set up the phone tree.

Al stated that we need to revise the by-laws. He would like to see the elections moved to the Holiday Party. Dave Fabyonic will locate the old by-laws and we'll proceed from there.

Following discussion of some tech topics, the meeting adjourned to an over abundance of wonderful food.

CRAFTON PARADE

JUNE 30 (Thursday)

Always fun - great food!

6 PM lineup

call Wayne 882-2109

or Dale 563-4047

### Myersdale Maple Festival, April 17, 1994

It was a cool 52° temperature and on the breezy side. But, the sun was shining and it warmed the spirits of some of our hearty members who attended this annual affair.

Five WPCC cars pulled into the McDonald's restaurant in New Stanton, PA for breakfast. They were: Al & Carol Friend, Gayle, Laura and John Gunlach, Jean & Bill Brill, Don & Mary Ellen Cekuo, and Mike Jacob. About 10:00 a.m. we entered the turnpike and drove caravan to Myersdale. In Myersdale, we were joined by Ralph & Joanne Shearer and Marie & Dick Dandois.

Some of us went to the school house to enjoy the famous pancakes, sausage and maple syrup, while other wandered into churches or veteran clubs for a warm spot to enjoy lunch.

As usual, the men walked the streets eying the beautiful antique cars and the ladies ventured into the craft stores and displays.

Trophies were awarded at 4:15 but most of the WPCC members left prior to that time. We did however receive dash plaques for attending.

I think that those of us who attended enjoyed having our cars on display for the first time in 1994.

Bill Brill

### Ohio Weekend

This is all that Don Schneider can give me at this time:

The event is going to be a very laid back affair – The dates are August 27 and 28 (Saturday and Sunday). Plans are to meet at Don's house around 8:00–9:30 a.m. There will be a tour thru the backwoods roads of the Amish country in the area, with stops along the way. An Amish dinner is planned for Saturday night. Don has reserved the Gucuggesburg Swiss Inn for our overnight stay. Rates are \$76.63 (includes tax and breakfast). **Phone for reservations: 216 893–3600.** We suggest you do this as soon as possible since the hotel has very limited (24 rooms) space. An early dinner (late lunch) is planned for Sunday.

Anyone who has seen Don's car collection will tell you that's worth the trip itself. More details and directions will be in the next newsletter. If you are interested in going give me a call – no firm commitment, just to get an idea how many are interested. But if you are sure you're interested, I suggest you make your hotel reservations now!

Wayne Jones

FOR SALE: Corvair, '68 Monza, 2 door, 4 speed, 6M miles rebuilt engine. Light blue. Renee Davis: 744–4251, 826–3300, or 744–2884 – Bo.

## THE PREZ SEZ

Well the bad news is - here's another Prez Sez to read. The good news is - It's much shorter than the last one!

The March kick - off party/meeting was well attended and the food, as usual, was spectacular, thank you WPC ladies. Don Baker came through with macademia nut cookies. We all enjoyed watching Bob McCune enjoy the tape of the anniversary event that he invented but couldn't attend. Hang in there Bob! I hope that future club officers stick with the kick - off party idea.

Meyersdale was windy & cool, but fun. Bill & Jean Brill did a nice job. He even ran that 62 Monza sedan at 60 MPH across the pike. Best of all, we got to meet new members Mike Jakub and Mary Ellen Cekus. Fairly new members Ralph & Joanna Shearer also attended. I'm happy to announce that they all are wacky enough to fit in nicely with WPC!!

The club donated \$25 to join the upstart Tri - River Car Club Council. Bill Artzberger will be our representative. Their primary function will be to publish a listing of old car club events in our area. Your officers felt that WPC should be aboard. Wayne saved us more than \$25 on printing costs for the last "Journal" alone. EVERYONE please thank Wayne personally for that.

On a sad note - Jean Brill reported that former WPC board member Joe Buffer of Jeanette, Pa. was listed in the obituary section of the local paper. Joe was always controversial but interesting.

After our "Winter From Hell" Carole & I still have cabin fever, so we are really looking forward to our May 21 Corvair convoy to Grove City & Sharon, Pa. (See details in separate article).

The July 4th festivities look like the best in our history! If you missed the kick-off party, you also missed the huge picture of the pizza we will be enjoying on the Fourth. An instant replay may occur at the next meeting in Sharon, Pa.

Cannonsburg requests only 4 Vairs this year. They are: Ray Horn, & the Shearers, Hamlins, & Friends. 9:30 show up time. Call Al Friend with Questions. 325-2588.

WPC member Jim Lane is managing the Brentwood parade, and he asks that we provide more of our rear engined jewels than the number of fire trucks that show up!?! Tough assignment Jim, but let's come as close as we can. 9:00 show up time. Call Dale Smith with questions. 563-4047 (Before 9PM please).

Vaun will be sending out a separate letter regarding the post parade pizza party. Bill Artzberger will be conducting a car parts auction as a WPC fund raiser. We are also adding a parts flea market. If you have parts that are too valuable to donate, put your name & price on them and bring them along. Someone may bite!

HELP - WHO HAS THE CLUB BANNER? Please look around, we really do need it for the national. Call the Prez if you have any clues.

A "leading indicator" seems to be turning positive and is a very good sign of future WPC vitality. Many Western Pa. Vairs seem to be in various stages of restoration. Here are some that I am aware of. I hope that there are many more.

Don & Mary Ellen Cekus - late conv.

Mike Jakub - 65 coupe.

Ralph & Joanna Shearer - Ling Ling to be painted in July.

Vaun & Charlotte Hamlin - A Greenbriar van.

Laurie - Paint job will be completed some day!

Chuck Lucas - 64 conv. shall return.

Bill Artzberger - late Fitch Sprint.

Archie & Alice Miller - Contacted Bill Shepherd to get em running.

Jim Stokes - Bought two truck loads of parts - must have something in the works!?!

John & Charlotte Sweet - Mid engine and bought a California Corsa.

The Prez & First Lady - New convertible to debut soon.

OUR NEXT EVENT/MEETING      SATURDAY      MAY 21      CORVAIR CONVOY

TO: THE WENDELL AUGUST FORGE IN GROVE CITY - LUNCH & MEETING AT THE FAMOUS QUAKER STEAK LUBE IN SHARON - THEN SHOP TILL YOU DROP TIME!

TIME 8:30 A.M.      at      SHONEY'S / WAL MART'S LOT ON ROUTE 19 IN CRANBERRY TWP.

Shoney's is on your left, three lights north of the Turnpike entrance/exit. Park in Wal Mart's lot behind Shoney's. BE READY FOR AN 8:45 DRIVERS & NAVIGATORS MEETING IN THE LOT. If you want to have breakfast at Shoney's then arrive earlier.

At the forge we will see the finest in American hand made craftsmanship. Since things are made here one at a time - no two pieces of giftware are ever produced exactly alike! The gals will love the huge showroom and the guys will love the production facilities that will be in full operation for our viewing pleasure. After an hour or more we will convoy to Sharon for our lunch and meeting at "The Lube". Wait till you see this place! We will have a private room and will order individually from the menu. After the meeting the gals can SHOP TILL THEY DROP!! Don't miss Winners the world's largest off price fashion store. Off price shoe outlet, an army navy surplus store, and much more.

Corvair driving, paid up members will receive a special momento, (one per Vair). If you do not have a running Corvair right now - PLEASE COME ANYWAY - this is a regular meeting. BE THERE!!!      QUESTIONS - AL FRIEND 325-2588.

FOR SALE      64 Greenbrier - Delux. 4-speed -- partially restored. Must Go!  
Make me an offer! Wayne - 882-2109.

FOR SALE

Our red 66 Corsa coupe (one of the fastest Corvairs in WPC) will be for sale this summer. We would like it to stay in the club. If interested, give me a call.

Al Friend (412)325-2588

Some additions to the local 1994 car shows:

Sat., May 21,	Stoystown Lions Park - Car show and <b>Craft/Flea Market.</b>
Sun., May 22	Garrett Volunteer Fire Department
Sun., May 29	Allegheny County Airport - Rotary Club Show
Sun, June 5	Waterford Volunteer Fire Company Show - five miles north of Ligonier on Rt. 271.
Sun, July 24	Blue Oval Cruisers Car Show at Keystone State Park, <u>Rain Date:</u> July 31.

For more information, call Al Friend.

**FOR SALE:** '68 Corvair Monza Sprint by Fitch convertible. 16k, garaged (in Maine) last 15 years. Scott Hogan Phone: 203 439-0645

**CLUB LIBRARY - BRANCH OFFICE:** Thanks to Ralph Hertel who recently sold his '65 Corvair, Hal Goff has opened a branch office to the Club Library. Ralph generously gave Hal his collection of Corsa Communique's (back to the beginning of Corsa), and some late model maintenance manuals. Hal thanks Bill Artzberger for letting Ralph know of his interest in the reading material, and a special thanks to Ralph.

## CORVAIRS ON PARADE

Corvairs again will be a part of some Western PA parades on the Fourth of July. The four cars who will be part of the parade in Canonsburg already know the where and when. Just be there and show off your cars!!

For the rest of the Club-We need you to come to the Brentwood Parade. (at least 12 cars). The parade assembles at 9:15 sharp, Monday, July 4, on Brownsville Road. From route 51, come up Maytide Street (which is north of the intersection of 88 and 51 to give you a general area). When Maytide intersects with Brownsville Road, turn right. We are to assemble in the parking lot next to the Giant Eagle on Brownsville Road. It will be on your right hand side, beyond the Burger King (where you can buy coffee!) It is about 3 blocks from where you came onto Brownsville Road. Please be prompt, because they CLOSE THE STREETS after the assembly time has passed. The parade ends at the Brentwood-Whitehall Shopping Center, right on Route 51. The Brentwood crowd has always responded well to our cars. Come and have a good time at a good parade.

DO YOU THINK YOU COULD RUN GM? Impressions Software of Cambridge, Mass. (617-225-0500) has released a software program that allows the user to design their own cars while operating an automobile company. *Detroit* begins in 1908, where you've started your own car company with a limited supply of cash and a prototype of one car. You decide which technologies and auto parts to use in choosing from a variety of vehicle types. Tests allow you to calculate such things as fuel efficiency, acceleration and performance. Marketing, the growth of your company and the development of new automotive technologies and vehicles must be done within your budget. The game, for IBM PC's and compatibles, can be played with up to three human or computer-controlled "auto baron" competitors. Retailing for \$69.95, it comes with a copy of *The Open Road: A History of the Popular Car*. (from *INDUSTRY Report* May 4, 1994)

## AN INVITATION

PLEASE HELP US TO WELCOME BACK  
HERB AND GAE HORN

A RECEPTION WILL BE HELD AT  
DALE AND ELLEN SMITH'S HOME  
634 ARDEN LANE, MT LEBANON,  
ON SATURDAY JUNE 18, 1994.

3 PM TO 7 PM

FOOD, FUN AND LAUGHTER ARE  
GUARANTEED

QUESTIONS, CALL RAY HORN  
AT 921-9647



# "Classic Comments"



## Crusin' Information

### Every:

**Sunday: Linden Grove**, Rt. 88 Castle Shannon, DJ, 50/50, 4pm, 881-4588

**Monday: Red Hots Cafe**, West Mall Plaza in Carnegie, Parkway West to Carnegie exit, raffles, prizes, dash plaques, outdoor food menu, 276-2855, (begins May 2)

**Thursday: Parkway Center Mall**, I-279 Parkway West Exit 4 or 5 in Greentree (beginning May 5), Dash Plaques, 50's & 60's music, food, prizes

**Friday: Chartiers Valley Shopping Center**, Route 50 (1/2 mile south of I-79 Kirwin Heights exit) in Bridgeville (beginning May 6), Dash Plaques, 50's & 60's music, food, prizes

### April:

- 9 Custard's Car Cruise Nite
- 10 Ohio Valley Street Survivors-Trish's Comer Cafe
- 30 Mon Valley Cruisers-Cruisin' Diner

### May:

- 5 Lincoln Place Elks
- 6 Rodfathers-Morgan's Diner
- 6 Mon Valley Cruisers-Sutersville Tastee-Freeze
- 7 Washington Cruisers-McDonald's
- 8 Ohio Valley Street Survivors-Trish's Comer Cafe
- 12 BASMA-Dream Spinners
- 14 Custard's Car Cruise Nite
- 14 Allied Forces-Good & Plenty Pizza
- 19 Lincoln Place Elks
- 20 Rodfathers-Morgan's Diner
- 21 Washington Cruisers-McDonald's
- 21 ICC Cruise to Quaker Steak & Lube, Sharon PA
- 26 BASMA-Dream Spinners (50's & 60's Night)
- 28 Allied Forces-Good & Plenty Pizza
- 29 Chili's-Century Square
- 30 Memorial Day Super Cruise I, 10-5 at Chartiers Valley Shopping Center

### June:

- 2 Lincoln Place Elks
- 3 Rodfathers-Morgan's Diner
- 3 Mon Valley Cruisers-Sutersville Tastee-Freeze
- 4 Washington Cruisers-McDonald's
- 9 BASMA-Dream Spinners
- 11 Custard's Car Cruise Nite
- 11 Allied Forces-Good & Plenty Pizza
- 12 Chili's-Monroeville
- 16 Lincoln Place Elks

- 17 Rodfathers-Morgan's Diner
- 18 Washington Cruisers-McDonald's
- 23 BASMA-Dream Spinners
- 25 Gatto Harley -Rt. 28 Tarentum Exit 224-0600
- 25 Allied Forces-Good & Plenty Pizza

### July:

- 1 Rodfathers-Morgan's Diner
- 2 Washington Cruisers-McDonald's
- 7 Lincoln Place Elks
- 8 Mon Valley Cruisers-Sutersville Tastee-Freeze
- 9 Custard's Car Cruise Nite
- 10 Chili's-Monroeville
- 10 Ohio Valley Street Survivors-Trish's Comer Cafe
- 14 BASMA-Dream Spinners
- 15 Rodfathers-Morgan's Diner
- 16 Washington Cruisers-McDonald's
- 21 Lincoln Place Elks
- 23 Allied Forces-Good & Plenty Pizza
- 24 Chili's-Century Square
- 28 BASMA-Dream Spinners, Caribbean Night
- 30 Washington Cruisers-McDonald's

*Future months will appear in upcoming newsletters*

### Locations:

**Boardman A&W Restaurant**, 680 Boardman - Canfield Road, Boardman, OH

**Custard's First Stand** - 315 Camp Horn Road, North Hills, 6-11pm, I-279 to Camp Horn Exit, dash plaques, oldies music, food & ice cream, 766-3101

**Cruisin' Diner** - Rt. 51S, Perryopolis 6-10 PM, 50/50, Trophies, Door Prizes 736-0533

**Dream Spinners Drive-In Restaurant & Dairy Bar** Rt 422 7 mi East off I-79 or 3 miles W of Butler, 283-9287

**Good & Plenty Pizza** - Churchill Square Plaza, 2 Blocks N off I-80, Corner 193 & 304, Liberty, OH, 7-11, games & prizes, 50/50, dash plaques, D.J., Bob (216) 544-1911

**Lincoln Place Elks**-5800 Buttermilk Hollow Rd. (by County Airport), DJ, roped off car area, refreshments available

**McDonald's Restaurant** - Race Track Road, 19S or I-79 to Meadowlands exit, 7 pm, DJ - 50/50, 745-1603

**Morgan's Diner** - Rt. 422 just east of Butler, 6-11pm, Ed McCormick 285-7329

**Sutersville Tastee-Freeze** - Rt. 51S Left past Round Hill Farm onto Douglas Hollow, next to Sutersville Bridge - Trophies, door prizes, plaques, DJ - 872-4016, 6-10 pm

**Trish's Corner Cafe** - Elm Grove, WV, I-70 to Elm Grove Exit, DJ, Door Prizes, 50/50, plaques (304) 242-4580



## EDITORIAL

# Clunker Bills Threaten Old-Car Hobby

BY CLIFF GROMER, Contributing Editor

*Editor's Note—Some readers have asked where POPULAR MECHANICS stands on so-called "clunker bills." This is where we stand.*

We confess a love for old cars. We're taken by the look of flowing, faired-in fenders and art deco dashes of the '40s; the chrome, gadgetry and fins of the '50s; and the stance, graphics and muscle accoutrements of the '60s and '70s. We're captivated by the mellow throb of a 6-volt gear-reduction starter cranking over a flathead Six, or the intake howl of eight wide-open throttle bores gobbling down huge chunks of atmosphere to feed 425 hungry high-compression horses.

Smokestack industries love old cars, too. They're taken by the look of crushed-in fenders and decimated dashes of the '40s, crumpled chrome and flattened fins of the '50s, and mangled muscle accoutrements of the '60s and '70s. They're captivated by the piercing screech of tortured, compressing steel and the crash of exploding glass.

And therein lies a problem.

Back when the EPA introduced its master plan for mobile (cars and trucks) and stationary sources of air pollution to clean up their respective acts, the idea was for everyone to shoulder his fair share of the financial burden. But one large company—Unocal Oil Co. of San Pedro, California—flush with money and influence, came up with a better idea. Working together with the government, Unocal convinced the law boys to delay Unocal's implementation of the required—and very expensive—smog controls on its refineries. Instead, they would buy pre-1971 vintage vehicles—"clunkers"—that were in current service, pay owners \$700 apiece and then crush the cars out of existence. The logic was that the pollution coming from Unocal's refineries would be offset by getting these cars off the road. The program,



between June and October 1990, netted some 8376 cars for the crusher.

The clunker idea picked up steam in March '92 when President Bush and his administration got behind it and endorsed the EPA's "Cash For Clunkers" program, which allows state governments and companies in various industries that pollute heavily to buy and crush old cars. In return, those companies would receive pollutant reduction credits—or an easy way out of their own air-fouling problems.

The states were not slow to follow suit. Louisiana, for one, rammed through a clunker program in spite of stiff public opposition.

Under scrutiny, the clunker campaign doesn't fly. First of all, it's not fair. If industry is a foul-air culprit, it should address its own problem instead of trying to buy safe passage through EPA waters for another year by crushing old cars.

Besides depleting the supply of older, less expensive cars, which fulfill most of the transportation needs of the poor, clunker bills also deplete a source of valuable parts for hobbyists who are restoring older cars. Let's not forget that old-car restoration is one of the purist forms of recycling. Then there's the threat to a huge multimillion-dollar industry that's geared to supporting the restoration and preservation of old cars.

Clunker bills only consider the year of the vehicle, not what's coming from its tailpipe. Even the EPA concedes that old cars are not always nor even often uniformly high emitters.

Add to this the Sierra Club's position that it is unlikely that the Cash For Clunkers program would actually reduce pollution, and you can see the real agenda behind these proposals.

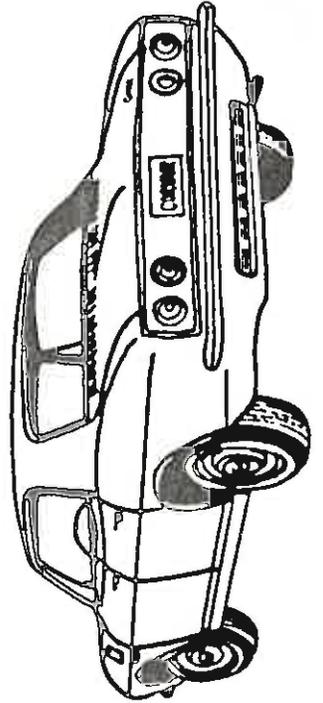
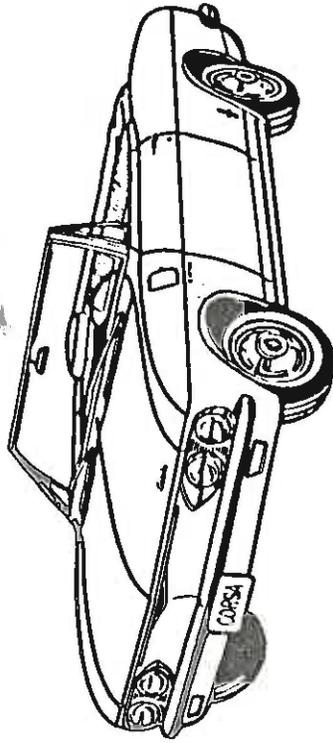
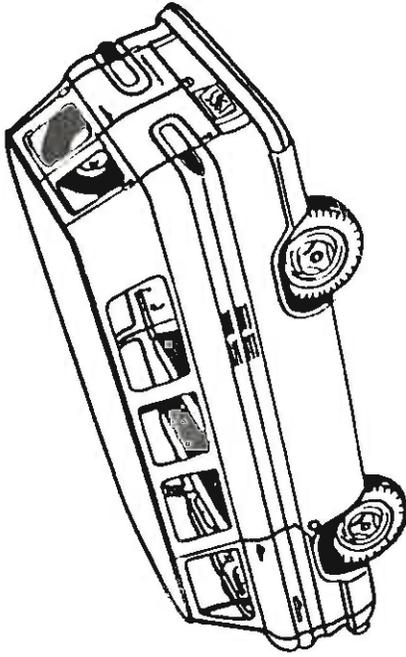
Chevron Oil Co. of Southern California also jumped on the clunkers for credits bandwagon in mid-1993. But instead of sentencing all the pre-'71 cars it would buy for \$700 apiece to the crusher, Chevron recognized the concerns of car collectors. First, it is offering the better vehicles for sale through a sealed-bid auction. Second, Chevron has hooked up with a local parts outlet to sell some cars and/or their parts—minus the drivetrain, which Chevron needs to turn in for its pollution credits. A step, we feel, in the right direction.

What to do if you're an old-car buff? The same thing you should always do when dealing with governmental issues that affect you personally: Make your voice heard to your state and federal legislators. Let them know you don't buy the clunker program because it saves real polluters a lot of money and doesn't necessarily even help solve the problem. Also, check with national car-hobby and related organizations, such as the Automotive Restoration Market Organization, 1575 S. Valley Vista Dr., Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4173, and the Council of Vehicle Associations, 10400 Roberts Rd., Palls Hills, IL 60465, to join in a unified lobby effort. Because when it comes to old cars and clunker bills, clean air is really just a smokescreen. **PM**

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