

# VAIR STREET JOURNAL

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

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## Don Cekus' 1965—Best at Meyersdale

Four Corvairs and two water pumpers met at McDonalds in New Stanton on Sunday March 28, 2004, for the drive to the Maple Festival in Meyersdale, Pennsylvania. Driving Corvairs were Steve Puskas with his white '65 coupe, Pat Greenwald in her black '65, Earl and Diane Goehring along with Sarah and I in their red '63 coupe and Don and Mary Ellen Cekus in their '65 4-door with its new pearl paint job. In water pumpers were Tim and Michelle Desmond, Steve and Donna Beers, (friends of Tim) in one vehicle, and Shirley and Al Ludwick (Shirley is Don Cekus' sister) in the other.

The weather conditions were pretty darned spectacular for Meyersdale in March. Don Cekus can remember Maple Festivals where



PHOTO BY CHARLES LUCAS

*Judged Best of Show, Don Cekus' pearl finish 1965 Corvair*

long-johns were standard attire. Makes one think of the rotten winter we just had. (see p.4 for a reminder)

Beautiful cars for a beautiful day littered the streets of Meyersdale. A '53 red Mercury looked to be in show room condition, while a '67

Corvette ('63 thru '67 being my favorite body style for that car, but in this instance the color choice would not have been mine) was like the Mercury, a frame up restoration and the work of a true car craftsman.

Awards for the select few were to be announced at 3:00 p.m., but of course they were delayed. Since it is such a long drive back to Pittsburgh we all decided to leave early. We said our "fairwells", and having split up, were driving out of town. We, although only half listening, could hear the awards being announced in the background. It was probably 3:45. Then a name was announced that jarred our senses. The name was Don Cekus. His car had taken Best of Show. We couldn't believe our ears. But did Don hear it, that was the question? I called him when I got home. Did he hear it? You bet, to the tune of \$125.



PHOTO BY CHARLES LUCAS

*Cars and people line the streets of Meyersdale*

## The Prez Sez

Hello everyone. A lot has happened in the past couple of months. I was in Prague, Czech Republic to see how



Steven Puskas

the Corvair handles those narrow cobblestone streets (see photo upper right).

On this side of the Atlantic, Corvair events have taken place in Meyersdale, PA, and Moundsville, WV.

The Maple Festival in Meyersdale had an excellent turn out from WPCC with beautiful weather to boot. Good weather is rare on this trip. Four club members drove their Corvairs and a fifth his everyday car. The biggest surprise of the trip was when Don Cekus took the people's choice award with his 1965 Monza 4-door sedan.

The Moundsville trip also had excellent attendance with seven Corvairs and two everyday cars. The first stop on the trip was to "go to jail" at the prison, but they didn't want us! Apparently as the group was trying to break into the prison there was a mock prison riot. So the doors were closed in front of us. Nevertheless, it was an excellent time to shoot a group photo of the cars. (see photo lower right).

Next, it was off to the Marx Toy Museum, which had an unbelievable collection of toys that were manufacture by the Louis Marx Toy Company. I even found my electric train set there! Now, if only I could find the missing parts to my train. Again, as in Meyersdale, all of the Corvairs performed flawlessly.

The next up coming event is an overnight trip to Ohio's Amish Country



PHOTO BY STEVEN PUSKAS

Steve's ghostly Corvair in Prague's main square

on May 22nd & 23rd, 2004. More details on this event have already been sent to you via postcard. Hopefully, you'll want to attend! That event is followed by the May 25th meeting at Hoss's in Murrysville and Corvair Convention in Lexington, KY in June.

Finally, I put away my winter car, and I am driving only Corvairs and the Cougar until snow falls again. So don't be surprise if you see a white corvair drive through your neighborhood.

Steven Puskas

*Stephen T. Puskas*



PHOTO BY STEVEN PUSKAS

Club member Corvairs in front of the Moundsville Penitentiary

## Minutes of the March 23, 2004 WPCC Member Meeting

### Officers Present:

- President, Steven Puskas
- Vice President, John Gundlach
- Acting Treasurer, Al Friend
- Secretary, Pat Greenwald

### Board members present:

- Emerick Buccigrossi
- Don Cekus
- Tim Desmond
- Bob Hieber
- Les Walter

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Puskas.

The minutes of the December 28th meeting/party were accepted as printed in the newsletter. The treasurer's report given by acting treasurer, Al Friend, showed a balance of \$2769.89. Al announced that this is \$425 behind the balance last year at this time. He suggested that we do a 50/50 raffle again. There are 33 paid members.

Les Walter distributed club jackets to those present. He also had order forms for those who haven't ordered yet and samples of shirts of various colors that can be ordered with the club logo for \$15.

Bob Hieber had a \$30 check in payment for the club's participation in the

Crafton parade in June of 2003.

Bill Artzberger had word from Dave Fabyonic that the Canonsburg 4th of July parade will accept 6 or 8 cars this year.

Bob Hieber and Don Cekus attended the Automotive Legislative Council this past Sunday and reported that the following issues were discussed: misuse of special plates; proposed special inspection station for cars with a reconstructed title; and emissions. Organizations were encouraged to police themselves and report violations.

Don Cekus announced that the Meyersdale Maple Festival and Car Show event is set for this Sunday. Meeting time is 9:00 at the McDonalds in New Stanton.

Les reported on plans for the trip to the Moundville Prison on Saturday, May 1st. The 132 year old prison with a historic designation offers a 1 hour tour for \$8.00. Other things to visit in the area are the Marx Toy Museum and the Grave Creek Mound Burial Grounds. Meeting time is 8:00 at McDonalds in Washington, Pa at the intersection of Rt. 19 and Rt. 70.

Tim Desmond has made arrangements for the trip to the Ohio Amish country for May 22, 23. He passed out packets of information of things of interest in the

area. The Amish Country Inn has set aside 20 rooms for us. The cost at the inn is \$79 and includes a full breakfast on Sunday morning.

Those planning to attend should call soon for reservations and mention that they are with the Corvair club. Meeting time is 6:00 am at the Krispie Creme in Cranberry. The caravan will proceed for one hour to Das Dutch Haus Restaurant and Bakery in Columbiana, Ohio for breakfast. Some of the places to visit include Lehman's Hardware, Amish furniture stores, craft, sweets, quilt, and cheese shops, and the First Lady Museum.

Steve announced the dates for the Balloon Fest are July 15-18. No other details are available yet.

Steve asked for a show of hands of those planning to attend the Corsa Convention. John Gundlach reported that the host hotel was filled for those wanting to stay through the entire week.

Respectfully submitted,



Pat Greenwald, Secretary

## Washington County Pa. Vehicle Fair May 29th & 30th 2004

### Sent in by Bill Artzberger—Thanks Bill

- Washington County Fair Grounds Wash., PA
- SWAP MEET • AUTO • TRUCK • TRACTOR • TOYS
- Outside Vendor Spaces—15' X 30'—\$30.00
- Inside Building Vendor Spaces—10' X 20'—\$40.00
- Admission \$3.00 (Kids 12 & under free)
- Vendor Setup—Friday 6:00 to ??
- Saturday & Sunday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Camper Sites—Full hookups—\$30.00/weekend
- Food Vendors on-Site
- Car Corral Spaces \$20.00
- To Register Call (724)-225-7718  
Or FAX (724)-225-3151
- DEMOLITION DERBY 4:00 PM Saturday—  
For information Call (724)-225-7718

- CAR SHOW Saturday & Sunday  
Registration will run from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Sat. & up to 2:00 PM. Sun. Voting time limit is 3:00 PM on Sunday. Awards at 4:00 on Sunday.  
Sat. registrations are admitted FREE on Sunday.  
For information call Don 724-222-0737.  
\$5.00 Donation/Vehicle at the gate. Club member vehicles will be in the show but not eligible for trophies and awards. Eight Trophy Classes—\$600.00 in CASH AWARDS Best of Show For: Classics, Sports Cars, Postwar II Antiques, Prewar II Antiques, Motorcycles, Modifieds, Hot Rods and Trucks  
16 Beautiful Custom Designed Trophies
- 500 Goody Bags—food coupons, surprises, etc.

- Free Two \$3.00 Swap Meet & Demolition Derby Passes/Vehicle
- D J Music BIG Ed the Music Man—Radio 103.9
- Chinese Auction—Two free tickets per vehicle
- Prize Drawings Every two hours
- Dash Plaques To first 200 vehicles
- Model T Ford Display
- Antique Engines Tractors
- Special Trolley Rides
- Pa. State Police Drug Exhibit Car
- Antique VEHICLE DISPLAY in exhibit hall.
- Donations for Ronald McDonald House Accepted
- SHOW STAGE—The Original Ronald McDonald  
1:00 PM on Saturday

# From the Southern State of Florida and Pennsylvania too.



PHOTO BY VAUN HAMLIN

Vaun's display of Corvair memorabilia.



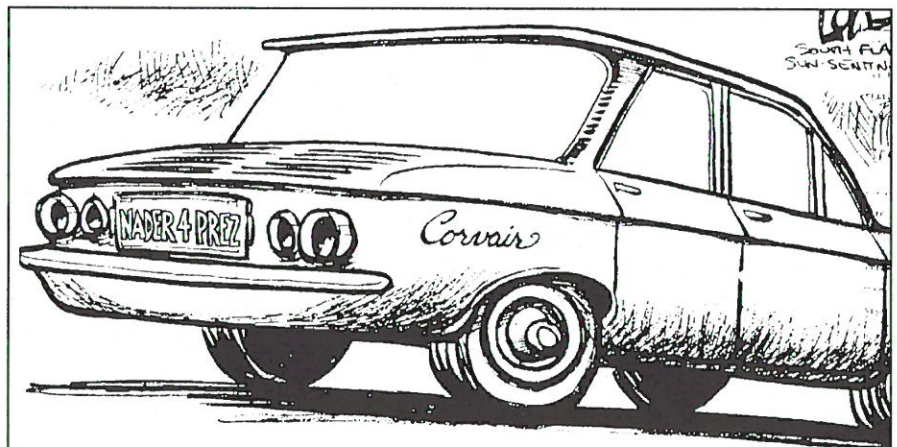
PHOTO BY VAUN HAMLIN

Vaun's Xenon low beam.



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Vaun Hamlin's garage, with photos, trophies, plaques and of course his Corvair



## A DISASTER WAITING TO HAPPEN

Back in March, Bill Brill sent this cartoon our way when he and Jean were still sunning themselves in Florida. It appeared in the South Florida Sun Sentinel.



PHOTO BY BOB HIEBER

An all too familiar scene this past winter. Lest we forget, Bob Hieber passed this along so that we don't forget.

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## May 25, 2004

Next Meeting

Hoss's Restaurant • Route 22 • Murrysville  
Dinner at 6:30 p.m. • Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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Western Pennsylvania  
Corvaair Club  
236 W. Marigold Street  
Munhall, PA 15120

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See you at the Convention

### FOR SALE

1966 Corvaair 500 coupe Automatic 110  
54,000 mi. \$3300.00 or offers  
Ed Romito 724-274-7847 (Cheswick area)  
Very good, almost rust free says owner