

1. SUMMATION OF OUR NOVEMBER MEETING

THE NOVEMBER MEETING AT THE GM TRAINING CENTER WAS THE BEST MEETING IN OUR HISTORY, AND POSSIBLY THE MOST INFORMATIVE SESSION EVER HELD BY A CORVAIR CLUB ANYWHERE! The following is my humble attempt to put it into words.

Corvairs began rolling into the rear lot about 6:15 and didn't stop until 8 o'clock when the meeting started. Unofficially we counted 45 to 50 Vairs of every type. First time people were greeted by members and their families and many new friendships were obviously started right there. Everyone exhibited pride in their own cars and were anxious to see and discuss the other magnificent machines that kept pulling in.

We managed to get everyone into the auditorium and seated; would you believe a headcount of 130 people!! An elated Dave Fabyonic brought the meeting to order and we routinely read the minutes and the treasurer's report. George Douglas gave a very interesting and moving account of how W.P.C.C. was started in Ivan Clever's garage, and prospered to where we are today. Bates Murphy entertained us with a down to earth description of Corsa, our national parent, and made it quite clear why we need Corsa.

We moved swiftly into old business with a report on the covered bridge caravan by Al Friend and a very amusing auto-cross report by Walt Matenkosky. Breezing right into new business we discussed our tentative Corvair and new car show next October, and decided to have our Christmas get together in Feb. A little late, but personal calenders won't be so full then. It will probably be a combination meeting, dinner, and tour of the covered bridges we missed last time. Corvairs go in the snow, you know!! About this time Dave noticed that our founder and first president, Ivan Clever, had arrived, and received a warm round of applause from all present.

After a very informative tech. session with Hermie and John Greenwald fielding an array of questions, Al Thomas, manager of the G.M. Training Center, took the podium. Al simply stole the show, and we were all very grateful for his candid and honest opinions. Al said later that he was flabbergasted by the turnout, and the quality of our automobiles. Thanks to Al and the other G.M. people in attendance we learned, among other things: That the Pittsburgh zone was always #1 or #2 in Corvair sales. The Vair is the only automobile proven safe in a court of law. Ralph likes boys.(we already knew that!) Nader's entire case was based on a Ford Motor Co. movie of a Corvair following a falcon and running off the road on a bend. In court it was discovered that the Corvair was chasing the falcon (going faster), the Vair driver started the turns later, and through the back window, when the picture was magnified, a sharp turn of the steering wheel was detected causing the Corvair to slide. This of course all appeared in the papers. (on page 14 of section D) Al fielded several questions as to why G.M. did not fight harder for the Corvair, and timely comments by Bill and Paul Devereaux shed more light on the situation in the 1960's. Mike Sullivan got a big hand at this point by stating that we should not forget that G.M. exhibited great courage by bringing out the drastically different and fun to drive car in the first place. It was also mentioned that the falcon died 9 months after the Corvair, and the Mustang, with its V-8 option also came on the scene. We learned that Corvair engines were still being built only 3 years ago for some sort of government vehicle (probably an airplane of some sort.) Sorry, emission control laws and expense, prohibit the Corvair's resurrection, even though it would be perfect for todays conditions. G.M. broke even on the Corvair. This account brushed over most of the main points discussed during the hour Mr. Thomas had the floor. Believe me, the experience was better than my description, but this will at least give those who could not attend, an idea of what they missed.

Door prizes were given out, Corsa national convention movies were shown, and we signed up lots of new and enthusiastic members. While thanking Al Thomas on the way out the door he mentioned: "I said things tonight that I've wanted to get off my chest for years." Thanks again, Al!

2. THE DEC. 4 MEETING

The next two meetings are very important so please plan to attend, if at all possible. We will nominate for next years offices at the Dec. 4 meeting and vote at the Jan. meeting.(probably Jan. 8) IF YOU DON'T SHOW UP YOU MAY BE THE NEW PRESIDENT!!

The two proposed amendments to the by-laws will be discussed and voted upon. If you know that you will be unable to attend the Dec. meeting please use the absentee-ballot at the end of the newsletter, mail it to our president Dave Fabyonic today, or it will not arrive in time.

The meeting will be held at Devereaux Chevrolet in Freeport, upstairs as usual, unless the turnout is too large, in which case look for us downstairs. You will see Devie's as you come into Freeport on Routes 28 or 366. As the old saying goes- "Ya just can't miss it." Promptly at 8PM.

3. THE FIRST WFCC AUTOCROSS was held Nov. 2 in conjunction with Competition & Touring Sports Car Club. (C&T). The site was North Park Swimming Pool lot, a devious expanse of pavement with undulations you never seem to notice until you are going too fast. With 45 entries it was the best turnout in a long time.

WFCC was represented by 5 drivers & several times as many spectators. President Fabyonic & V.P. Friend ran their respective late models, Keith & Norma Murphy and Bob Hykes shared the blue-or-green-or-aqua sedan owned by the honorable Bates Murphy. And you guys didn't believe me when I said you needed at least 30 lbs. of air in those front tires.

Running in combined C & D sedan class, Keith embarassed the other members by turning a best time of 88.129 sec. for a fourth in class. Dave("Ought to get some of those radial tires") beat Al (Dave, you really ought to get some radials) with a 90.636 for fifth versus Al's 90.831 for sixth. (Guess Al didn't want to get his radials dirty). Bob turned a 92.729 to finish out the class, and Norma turned a 96.026 for 4th in ladies index. Not a bad showing for the first time out, gang.

The author rode "The German Corvaire" (Porsche 914) to first in SC-4 with a 79.518. A two liter 914 with race tires in B modified turned FTD (Fastest time of the day) with 73.690. Don't get discouraged - it took me almost 2 years to get there and I was the only WFCC member to hit a pylon all day!

We were happy with the turnout, and thanks to everyone who came, especially those who worked - I know we all had fun. I hope to see some WFCC members at future events, especially those with hot Vairs - the Corsa's should really stomp!

Walt Matenkosky

The autocross schedule for the upcoming year looks like this:

Dec. 14, 21	Jul. 4, 11, 18,* 25	
Jan. 18	Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22,* 29	* C & T Events
Feb. 8, 15, 22, 29*	Sep. 5/6, 12,* 19, 26	
Mar. 7, 14, 28	Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24,* 31	Dial "CUR-CARS
Apr. 4, 11, 25	Nov. 7, 14,* 21, 28	(687-2277) for
May. 2,* 9, 16,23, 31	Dec. 5	times & places.
Jun. 13, 20,*27		

4. THIS & THAT

We are growing fast and will soon outgrow the confines of Devie's. Everyone start looking for a new & larger meeting place, preferrably free & in the Monroe-ville area since all roads seem to come together there. Don't worry, John Cossy has promised to bring his parts books with him no matter where we end up!

FOR SALE - SEE IVAN - Gold windbreakers, \$7.50 Club patches, \$2.00
"I LOVE MY CORVAIR" bumper stickers, 50¢

Rick Bonner, Ivan Clever's #1 grandson has restored a 65 Corsa convertible from the ground up, and has just turned 16. Congratulations from all of us Rick.

Thank you letters have been sent to Al Thomas, Bill Devereaux, and Paul Devereaux. These fine gentlemen are all on our mailing list now.

The CORSA National Convention will be July 16 - 18 at the Sheraton - Valley Forge Hotel, right in our back yard! The Pittsburgh zone was #1 in Corvair sales; let's show the world that we are also the #1 chapter!! We will need a club display with lot's of pictures - but above all - YOU HAVE ONLY 7MONTHES TO GET YOUR MACHINE READY!

Sorry to report that Rev. & Mrs. Burkhalter will be moving out of state in January, Their Fabulous 69 conv. may be up for sale. Contact Terry if interested. The Burkhalters will be at the Dec. meeting.

Many thanks to C & T Sports Car Club for running a last minute announcement of our Nov. meeting in their newsletter. Try to make some of the C & T autocrosses; really a great bunch of people. (Except for Walt of course!!) Chris Berkebile, their editor will receive our newsletter, and we hope to see some C & T members at our events. You're always welcome.

Our treasurer, Mike Sullivan requests that you tell him when you joined CORSA and if you are paid up for 76. Mike is setting up a roster to remind us when we will be coming due.

5. NEW MEMBERS: Too numerous to list addresses, but add names & phone numbers to your roster.

Mr. Paul J. Devereaux	Dr. & Mrs. Paul R. Mihalek 795-0562	Mr. Kenneth Kilwein 833-6964
Mr. Robert I. Miller 242-6256	Mr. William Bender	Mr. Richard Brooks 761-4382
✓ Mr. John Kozlowsky (814)382-6801	Mr. Robert M. Smith 846-5620	Sandra L. Burrows 761-8563
✓ Mr. David R. McConnell 776-9430		

FOR SALE

62 Monza, op, auto, white, red int. 4880 miles storage for 13 yrs. mint, Bob Miller 242-6256

61 Corvair Van, also gasoline heater (instant heat) Paul Andre 824-4209

63 Vair convertible \$600 (814)842-6129

Trade or sell: 63 Greenbrar, 4 spd. 62 Lakewood 63 Rampside 4 spd.
66-500 39,000 mi. needs X-member & brakes Ivan Clever 845-1051

WANTED

180 Turbo engine - either rebuilt or rebuildable Bob Barker, Michigan
(313)646-6950

Absentee Ballot for voting members who cannot attend the Dec. 4 meeting. Mail to:
Dave Fabyonic, President WPCG, 38 Sierra Dr. Pittsburgh, Pa. 15239

(1) WPCG WILL BOND ITS TREASURER STARTING IN 1976. IN FAVOR. NOT IN FAVOR.

(2) WPCG NEW MEMBER DUES WILL BE \$6 UNTIL MID-YEAR, THEN REDUCED TO \$3 FOR THE
REMAINDER OF THE YEAR. AS OPPOSED TO 50¢ PER MONTH, IN EFFECT NOW.
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Please, mail today.