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1. OUR NEXT MEETING AND CHRISTMAS PARTY:

The Plug & Piston is a delightful auto related and decorated restaurant off Route 286 in Monroeville. It is reserved only for us on SUNDAY, DEC. 12th.

3:00 PM - ARRIVE

4:00 PM - MEETING (Nominations are open for 1977 offices)

5:00 PM - DINNER (Buffet \$3.50 adults, \$1.75 under 16)
Plus tax & 15% gratuity.

6:00 PM - Entertainment (Presentations, Amateur Hour, Gift Exchange, & Singing around the fire.)

BRING GIFTS:

One white elephant gift per adult, \$1 limit.

If you bring children, bring a \$2 limit gift for your own child.

SINGING:

Ivan & Tom Watt will have their guitars to lead the Christmas Carols.

BAR: The bar will be open, pay as you go.

GREAT TURNOUT EXPECTED:

Fifty - five people have already signed up. If you haven't yet, but are planning to attend, please call Al Friend after 8:30. Don't stay away if you decide to come at the last minute, since extra food will be on hand, but try to let me know if you can.
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FIFTY-FIFTY DRAWING

Tickets will be on sale for 50¢ or 3 for \$1. Half of the pot goes to the winner, the other half goes into the treasury. Perhaps we can do this at every meeting!

HERE IS PART OF THE PLUG & PISTON'S MENU. STOP IN & SAY HELLO TO BOB, THE OWNER. THANKS TO IVAN, THE WAITRESSES WILL BE WEARING W.P.C.C. JACKET PATCHES ON THEIR NEW OUTFITS.

LUG NUTS (Mushrooms) .25 EXTRA



Spare Parts

THE ROAD RUNNER "Beep-Beep" (Chicken in a Basket)	2.35
BUCKET OF BOLTS (Shrimp in a Basket)	2.35
LEAF SPRINGS (Chef's Salad)	Small 75... Large 1.25
GREEN FLAG (Fresh Spinach Salad with Bacon Bits)	Small 75... Large 1.25
IN SEASON	
CHICKEN RUN (Wing Dings)	1.25
RUSTED LUG NUTS (Breaded Mushrooms)	.95
BILL JENKINS SPECIAL (Baked Devil Crab in the Shell)	.95
SUPER SPUDS	Small 50... Large 90
SPARK PLUGS (French Fries)	Small .50... Large 90
PISTON RINGS (Onion Rings)	.90
BACK-FIRE (Homemade Chili)	Cup 50... Bowl 75
OIL CHANGE (Homemade Soup)	Cup 50... Bowl 75
FIAT FUMES (Garlic Bread)	.40

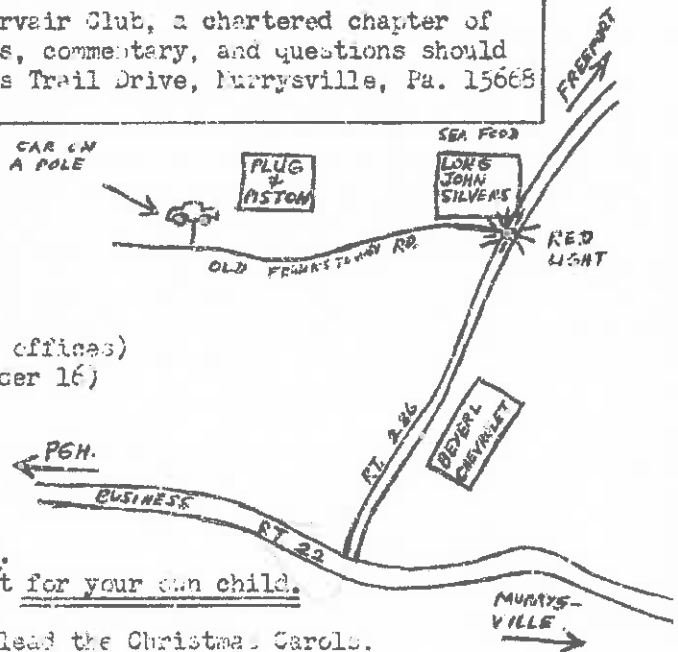


Italian Radials Pizza

Large Plain	2.30	Small Plain	1.40
Each Extra item	.50	Each Extra Item	.30

Pepperoni • Mushrooms • Sausage • Anchovies

TAKE OUT SERVICE (ROAD SERVICE) ON ALL ITEMS 325-2442



WE WILL NOT BE ORDERING FROM THE MENU!



2. OUR LAST MEETING

Over 40 people attended the Nov. meeting, which is a great tribute to the club and shows the tremendous interest that is building up. President Bates Murphy directed the meeting in a pleasant and informative manner, as he always does. Treasurer Mike Sullivan reported that 1977 dues is coming in nicely and Denny Hamill turned over another \$90 or so in tee shirt proceeds. Dave Fabyonik reported that we only lost \$2.50 on the autocross clinic, which isn't bad at all. Denny Hamill told us the sad news about SOCA Nationals: Jim Reeve was leading the pack with his Stinger when he blew a tire (of all things!!!) Old blue-eyes (Paul Neuman) eventually won in his TR-6. Not bad for a boy in his 50's who drinks a case of beer a day.

We discussed the Newsletter which is now more of a team effort. Al Friend is putting it together, Judy Jones is typing, Ken Boice is providing mailing stickers, and Wayne Jones is having it printed and mailed. Our costs have been cut nearly in half while the quality is maintained.

The meeting was adjourned and then we got right into our usual informative tech. session. Brisk sales of WPCO jacket patches were also observed. Get yours from Ivan.

3. 1977 DUES NOW DUE

If you haven't already done so, mail \$6 annual dues to:

Mike Sullivan, Treas.: R.D. #2, Box 411-A, Saltchard, Pa. 15681.

Don't forget, after one master membership, anyone in your immediate family (spouse or children) can be a voting member in full standing for half price. (\$3).

Corsa Dues: When your Corsa (National Club) renewal is due they will send you a renewal envelope. As a member of a local chapter you are entitled to a \$2 discount, but you must process it through our treasurer, Mike Sullivan. Fill out the renewal, make this check payable to Corsa, and forward to Mike. As you know, Corsa dues is going up \$2 in January. If you are lucky enough to have your membership come due in 1976 you may want to consider renewing for two years at the lower rate. Considering the quality of the publications and the events, Corsa has got to be the best bargain in the family budget!!!

4. FOR SALE

69 Monza cp. 110 auto, red blk, sharp, \$795 - John Sibbens - 751-7771

66 "500" cp. 110, 3 sp. orig. cond., 43,000 mi. \$1000 - 333-4297

67 Monza cp. 110, auto, tan/fawn, ex. cond, 19,200 mi. \$1000 - Evan R. Evans, P.O. Box 64, Gowanda, N.Y. 14070 (716/532-2608)

61 Lakewood, 500 - 85, auto, silver/blk. show quality restoration, late engine & trans, gas heat, radials - \$2000 - Frank Collinwood (new member) 628-5103

66 "500" cp. auto, blue/blue, 50,000 mi. some rust, offers - Roy Paisley - 327-8241

71 "914 Porsche (German Corvair) 5 sp. - 1.7 liters, AM-FM, good shape, offers over \$3000 - Walt Matenkosky - 834-8114

Will someone buy it, so we can get Walt into a racing Vair!!

FREE!! 65 Monza 110, front end totaled, towable only, ex. white inter, good engine - CALL IMMEDIATELY - Paul Fox - 795-3747 Can be seen at Golf Sta. at Sq. Hill Exit on Pkwy.

Wanted: Turq. or white seats for 65-66 conv. or cp. Also 65-66 black bucket = Evan R. Evans - address & phone above.

5. NEW MEMBERS

Frank Collingwood
1011 Blackstone Ave.
Connellsville, Pa. 15425
628-5103

Frank is a 42 year old electrician and owns a 61 Lakewood (for sale car), a 65 Corsa conv. & a 65 Monza conv. Frank is already a Corsa member and was recommended by Joe Buffer.

Dick Breier
493 Sleepy Hollow Rd.
Mt. Lebanon, Pa. 15228
563-4591

Dick is also 42 years young and is a waterheater salesman. He owns a 63 Corvair conv. and is joining Corsa also at this time. Many of us met Dick and his charming wife at the last meeting.

Robert M. Holderbaum
3200 Township Rd.
N. Huntingdon, Pa. 15642
863-6926/863-9954

Bob is a 41 year old mechanic who joined both clubs at the last meeting. He is restoring a 64 Monza conv. and, would you believe, is taller than Dave Fabyonic!

Raymond C. Small
RD #3, Box 142B
Leechburg, Pa. 15656

Ray is 49 years young and works for Allegheny Ludlum, and was recommended by Ivan Clever. He is restoring a 65 - 4-speed and uses a 65 auto.

Lance Safran
RD #8, Box 121 H
Greensburg, Pa. 15601
837-9594

Lance is a 34 year old machinist who is already a member of Corsa also, the National Street Rod Assoc. Along with his check for 1977 dues he included a \$4 contribution to the club. Lance is building a 65 Corsa V-8 and drives a 66 "500" coupe.

Alan L. Fellers
RD #3, Box 10-B
Tarentum, Pa. 15084
226-0513

Al is a 21 year old Steelworker who was also recommended by Ivan. He owns a 64 Spyder coupe and a 65 Monza conv. Al is joining both WPCG & Corsa at this time.

Dear New Members,

Welcome aboard to all of you. Our membership is now close to 130 and growing constantly, thanks to recruiters like Ivan Clever, Joe Buffer, and many others. We have a wonderful chapter that is just beginning to blossom. It would be great to meet all of you, in person, at the Christmas Party or at a future meeting or two.

You will find many types of people in WPCG, but they all are down to earth, nice people, who love their little rear engine Corvairs. I've never met a Corvair owner that I didn't like.

Sincerely,

Your Editor

P.S. For those of you that are building or restoring a Corvair: Our annual show is tentatively scheduled for June 5th and the "Friends' of Corvair Club" have a fantastic mini-convention planned for Memorial Day week-end at nearby Kent State University. Keep Working!!

6. THIS & THAT

Thanks to John Sebbens, add another good mechanic who does Corvair work to the list published last month.

Carl Fulmek
Laurel Lane
White Oak (McKeesport), Pa.
672-2795

And what about that picture of Carole Friend in the Nov. Corsa Quarterly. That should sell some bumper stickers!

7. QUESTION: Does the new 1977 Monza Spyder deserve to wear the name?

Al Thomas, forgive me for what I am about to write:

With all of the advertising and fan fare about the new Monza Spyder, I thought I would attempt to compare it with the "REAL" Corvair Spyder that we all know and love. I managed to dig up "Car and Driver" road tests on the '64 Corvair Spyder and the '77 Monza Spyder. Here is the raw data for your reading pleasure.

	<u>64 Corvair Spyder</u>	<u>77 Monza Spyder</u>
Engine:	Turbo charged, air cooled, aluminum six	water cooled, iron, V-8
Displacement:	164 cu.in.	305 cu.in.
Compression:	8.25 to 1	8.5 to 1
Mileage:	15-22 mpg	15.5-20 mpg
Wheelbase:	108 in.	97 in.
Curb Weight:	2550 lbs.	3310 lbs.
Accelerations:		
<u>ZERO TO:</u>	<u>SECONDS</u>	<u>SECONDS</u>
30 M.P.H.	3.5	3.7
40	5.6	5.4
50	8.9	7.7
60	10.6	10.5
70	13.5	14.1
80	17.8	18.5
90	22.7	25.2
Standing 1/4 mile	17.5 @ 79 M.P.H.	17.5 M.P.H.

I realize that the "REAL" Spyder didn't have to content with ridiculous emission rules and no lead gas, also, a lot of inflation has occurred since 1964. However, two extra cylinders and 141 additional cubic inches should still correlate to something more than a dead heat in the standing quarter mile!! With better than 60% of its weight on the front wheels, I would say that the 77 version couldn't hold a candle to the "real" Spyder in an autocross or on a back road.

Well, thanks to thirteen years of scientific automotive development, and our meddling government, you can now buy:

A Spyder that weighs 750 lbs. more; costs ~~1/2~~ as much; features a rigid rear axle, instead of independent suspension; is no faster than the '64 version; gets fewer miles per gallon; and I'm sure it's not really as much fun to drive! It does, however feature a spider, painted on the hood and a radiator! I say that the new Spyder does not deserve to wear the name and will probably never be a Milestone Car like the old obsolete model!! I wonder if Ed Cole would have allowed it, if he were still with G.M.

P.S. You can still get turbo-charging in the Porsche, for only \$20,000!

THANKS TO KEITH MURPHY

