

1. Great News- Al Thomas of the G.M. Training Center contacted me to mention that we were welcome to have quarterly meetings at the center. (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct.) He would also like us to have "One hell of a car show" in the spring or early summer. Let's discuss both of these offers at the Feb. 7th meeting, after a great homestyle dinner in the frosty mountains. Thanks Al, we'll be in touch. Perhaps a pre-national convention tune-up would be a good idea.

2. Summation of the Jan. Meeting

Denny Hamill was added to the Vice President nominees and Carolyn Sullivan declined her previous nomination for secretary, since the possibility of two officers in one family would be too much, we then proceeded with the election.

Presenting Your 1976 Officers: Congradulations Gang!!'

President- Bates Murphy

Vice President- George Douglas

Secretary- Chris Smith

Treasurer- Mike Sullivan

Your new president requests that you let him know if you would be interested in serving on the board, as soon as possible, and please don't be bashful.

after the election we discussed old business which included the Saturday, Feb. 7, tour, dinner, and meeting. Also under old business, Denny Hamill presented some great T-shirt and bumper sticker ideas that we can sell at our booth in Philly. Denny is in contact with a small foundry regarding our trophy idea. He will have a progress report in the near future, and the Philly chapter can give us until April 1 on a production decision. Bates shocked us with the prices he had to pay for Corsa and Monza side emblems now that G.M. has decided to discontinue cosmetic items. Thanks G.M.! Jay Weitzel then laid a non-cosmetic block buster on us by reporting that a front cross-member now costs \$216. Thanks again G.M.!! The part sold in the \$30's in the early 1960's. It was decided that the literary types would get together and write a letter directly to Mr. Murphy, the chairman of G.M. It probably won't do much good, but it's a first step. Corsa secretary, Mark Ellis, has been notified by Jay, and I am sure that complaints are pouring into national headquarters. Denny Hamill suggested that we contact Ralph Nader for help!!

Dave Fabynic suggested that you make your reservations now for the national convention. The Sheraton-Valley Forge Hotel is nearly full already. (215) 337-2000. There are other motels close-by, but it would be nice if we could all get into the Sheraton.

Winter events were mentioned by Walt Matenkosky, and George Douglas. Dial OUR-CARS to keep up. Corvairs do very well in icy auto-crosses, in fact we are probably unbeatable. Winter rallies would pose no problems to Vlar owners either. C&T is holding one on Feb. 1, and Allegheny Kiski is holding one on Feb. 15.

We concluded with a very informative tech session and Mike Sullivan won the \$25 in the kitty during the refreshment break. Oh well, you were going to buy Carolyn a new dress anyway Mike!

Send newsletter articles and classifieds to: Al Friend 3677 Forbes Trail Dr.
Murrysville, Pa. 15668
325-2588

Sure could use some original material from the membership! How about it?

Send technical questions to: John Greenwald 415 Crestview Dr.
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15239
795-5719

John will reply either directly, or in the newsletter for all to read.

3. Covered Bridge Frost Across Tour

Don't miss this one, snow or shine, in fact the more snow the fewer water pumpers to cause congestion! Saturday Feb. 7th at 10 A.M. we will depart Kaufmann's lot in Monroeville for the beautiful snow covered Laurel Highlands.

Our route will take us across the Pa. Turnpike to Somerset, again at 55 M.P.H. and no rest stops. Exiting the Pike, we will pull into the Holiday Inn at the Somerset exit for a lengthy rest stop and a drivers meeting in the lobby. Then North to Route 30, and on to New Baltimore (for those who missed it last time) and finally to Packsaddle Bridge with its frozen waterfall. In order to get the picture of a lifetime bring a pair of boots, and of course, your camera!! The "Nader Convoy" will then forge its way back toward civilization to the Cakhurst Tearoom for the best dog-gone homestyle meal this side of the Youghiogheny River at 2 o'clock.

You have a choice of main course delights, but I must know your choices at the Holiday Inn when I call the Cakhurst. For \$5.50 adults and \$2.50 children 8 and under your choices are: (1) Southern Fried Chicken (2) Country Cured Ham (3) Shrimp (4) Flounder. For \$8 T-Bone steak, \$9 Strip steak, \$10 Filet mignon.

After we gorge ourselves, the Cakhurst has reserved an upstairs room for our meeting and everyone should be home before dark.

For the Eastern contingent just meet us at the Somerset Holiday Inn about 11:15 A.M. or at the Cakhurst at 2 P.M. for dinner and the meeting. Let's have our usual good turnout, and perhaps more events can be combined with meetings in the future. See you Saturday!

4. WORDS FROM YOUR NEW PRESIDENT

Anyone who owns, drives and admires Corvairs isn't your average Archie Bunker auto buyer. In as much as we sneer at Cadillacs, double up with laughter at Oldsmobile commercials and are still trying to find out what Ford's better idea was, we have to consider ourselves different. And, as we differ from others, there are also differences within our club.

So far we have demonstrated interest in shows, rallies, autocrosses, tours and conversation. We have given time to making and giving money, to finding parts, to helping other Corvair owners locate service and to worrying about state pollution laws. We truly are a diversified club.

If we are to provide this wide range of interest for all segments of our present membership and appeal to other Corvair owners we must continue our broad range of activities.

But, with non-reimbursed officers, the only way we can have a lot of activities is with a lot of workers. The elected officers and the appointed directors will guide the club, but will NOT run it. Club activities and club projects are the responsibility of everybody.

There will be committees, task-forces, teams and individual assignments. The more we each do, the more the club can accomplish, with more gratification for all. It isn't my original line, but it wasn't original when another guy said it in his inaugural speech either- "Ask not what your club can do your you, but...."

5. THE 1976 NATIONAL CONVENTION JUL.15 - 18 is only 5½ months away, will you be ready? The last copy of the Corsa Communiqu'es contained a coupon for you to send in along with \$1 payable to Philadelphia Corvair Assoc. requesting the convention packet. Mail to: Mark Ellis, 145 Ivywood Lane, Radnor, Pa. 19087, or call the Inn (215)337-2000. Better act soon if you want to stay at the Sheraton, although other inns are close by. The Saturday night banquet & dance will sell out quickly. There will be a roped off and guarded Corvair parking area at the Inn.

I've heard members say that they will take their car, but not compete in the concours. Allow me to make several observations: (1) The entrance fee is only a dollar or two. (2) You will get a copy of the scoring sheet. If you are going to take the hobby seriously this sheet will be worth about a million dollars to you, since it is a critique of your car's condition by a true Corvair expert. (3) You can witness the thrill of competing against some of the best prepared automobiles in the world.

6. 1976 DUES - TIME IS RUNNING OUT

1976 dues must be paid by March 1 in order to maintain current membership status. This means simply that you will be dropped from the books and the mailing list. The 1976 dues are \$6 along with \$3 for additional members from your immediate family. Please send your check payable to A.P.C.C. to Mike Sullivan, Treasurer WPCO R.D.2 Box 411-A, Galtsburg, Pa. 16851.

For new members joining in months other than Jan. simply send in 50¢ per remaining month. (\$5.50 if joining in Feb.) New members must also send in \$8 for Corsa membership if they are not already members of the national club.

As a reminder- when your Corsa dues come due you will receive a renewal envelop from Corsa. Do not send your check to Corsa. Simply fill out the renewal info, write out a check for \$8 payable to Corsa or WPCO and send them both to Mike Sullivan. Mike then sends all of the WPCO renewals together each month and we all get the \$2 chapter discount.

7. WHY SHOULD I BELONG TO THE CORVAIR CLUB?

The usual good reasons are obvious, but how about a few not so obvious good reasons that you may not have thought of:

Case 1 - In Nov. 74 a woman smashed into the side of our 67 Monza convertible with my wife in it. Since she was in a husky Vair, Carole emerged only shaken up. The insurance adjustors declared that both cars were totaled and offered us book value for our Monza. (A couple of hundred dollars) I told the adjustor where to stick his offer, and promptly called Mark Corbin, the President of Corsa. Mark wrote a "To Whom It May Concern" letter that made their ears burn. I then appeared at their office with Mark's letter, various Corsa publications, and an itemized list of everything I had in the car. You guessed it- we got back everything I had in the car without going to court. Had it not been for the influence of the Corvair Club, we would have received only the ridiculous blue book value.

Case 2 - We received a letter from Terry Berksalter who just moved to Manitoba, Canada. Terry discovered that -40° temperatures demanded a block heater for his 66 Monza, but how do you get one in an area where very few Corvairs even exist? Terry simply consulted his Corsa membership roster, and discovered that three members lived in Winnipeg. One phone call produced a block heater.

Case 3 - Suppose You are driving through the boon-docks somewhere and need a part in an emergency. Don't you think a Corsa and WPCO roster could come in handy?

Case 4 - If we are going to get any cooperation from G.M. on parts and parts pricing do you think that over 6,000 potential auto customers might speak louder than your letter representing one potential customer?

Case 5 - To belong to both clubs costs \$14 per year, that works out to \$1.17 per month!

8. THIS AND THAT

We got great coverage in the Jan. Corsa Communiqu'es concerning our Nov. meeting at the G.M. Training Center. The Jan. issue also contains a good article concerning the installation of four way flashers on early models. This would be a good article to keep since 4-way flashers may soon be mandatory on all autos in Pennsylvania.

I just sent a letter to Harrisburg requesting information on antique registration on our 64 coupe even though it is only 12 years old. I'll keep you posted on future developments. Antique registration is now a one time \$50 fee.

Keep looking for possible meeting places in the Monroeville area.

The Feb. meeting will be in conjunction with the Saturday Feb. 7 Covered Bridge Tour and dinner. See you at Kaufmann's lot in Monroeville about 9:45 AM.

THIS & THAT CONTINUED

Contrary to popular opinion, the Vega isn't all bad! If you look closely at the super spiffy delux model you'll notice 1964 Corvair hubcaps.

Don't forget, C & T is having a shortest distance rally on Sunday Feb. 1, dial CUR-CARS or call the Berkecoiles at 793-3600 for details.

Also allegheny Kiski is holding a rally Feb. 15, again dial CUR-CARS or call George Douglas at 727-7058 for details.

Rev. and Mrs. Burkhalter send their regards to everyone from Winnipeg, Manitoba. Good luck and stay in touch Terry.

On Dec. 22 at 8:15 AM after fighting my way through 8,000 high school kids our Children's Hospital contribution was presented to Jack Bogat of XDKA. He had just accepted a check for \$17,000 from one of the high schools. That was a hard act to follow, but I did mention that our Corvairs were becoming rarer than snikernoodles but unfortunately so are contributions from other car clubs in our area.

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Jean Koyle
2125 Neal Drive
McKeesport, Pa. 15135

Mrs. Maetilda Sneddon
79 Duncan Station Rd.
McKeesport, Pa. 15135

Mr. Tom Watt
Box 244 E
Rd#2 Apollo, Pa. 15613
727-7942

Mr John P. Getz
Route 1
Hyndman, Pa. 15545

Mr. Paul Shums
411 Monessen Ave.
Monessen, Pa. 15062

ADDRESS CHANGES

Rev. Terry Burkhalter
1483 Pembina Highway
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R3T 2C9

Add all of these to your roster.

Change Mike Sullivan's Box# to:
Box 411-A

FOR SALE

- 61 Lakewood \$650 W.H. Smith. Mt. Holly Springs, Pa. (717)486-3390
- 63 Spyder conv. new paint, top, rug, 44,000mi. parked 5 yrs. needs engine, best offer 274-7117
- 68 Monza cp. & 66 parts car \$725. Cary Acken, Mattern, Pa. 567-6065
- 62 Rampside pick-up 3 speed, runs good, \$385. John Ianieri, Willow Grove, Pa. (215)659-5333
- 66 Monza cp. parts car, exp. white buckets. a. Westlund 835-5896 after 6
- Ram induction manifold, 2 bl. carburetor, for 110 HP engine. Harry Hadden 793-8006

WANTED

Gas heater & other parts or parts car for F.C. Vehicle. Walt Moore 327-4437
Late model quick steering arms. Al Friend 325-2588

HAPPY GROUND HOG'S & VALENTINE'S DAY