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YOUR NEW OFFICERS:

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YOUR NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Wayne Jones 882-2109
Denny Hamill 741-4325
Ben Rawson 823-4714
Walt Moore 327-4437
Bill Artzberger 364-6842

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS, ADVISORS, ETC.

Special Advisor to the Club, Bates Murphy, This position will be automatically filled by the past-president each year.
327-3472
Assistant Treasurer, Mike Sullivan, To carry on treasury business in the absence of the elected treasurer.
639-3857
Membership Chairmen, Ivan Clever & Joe Buffer If we all worked at signing em up like Joe & Ivan, we'd have 1000 members!
842-2733 523-4801
Raffle Chairwoman, Judy Mihalek Judy will administer raffles at the concours, moving parties, & at all meetings.
Technical Advisor, John Greenwald, John will conduct tech. topics at the meetings, & will advise the club on tech. matters.
795-5719
Parts Advisor, John Costantino, John can answer parts questions, Along with info. on discontinued parts.
295-2575

1. OUR NEXT MEETING & FROST - ACROSS

Our next meeting will be held in conjunction with our annual Frost - across convoy. This event was a lot of fun last year, and was planned again this year due to popular demand. Arrive at the Howard Johnson's parking lot (Routes 22 & 48) in Monroeville, about 9:30 A.M. for a 10 A.M. departure, on Sunday, Feb. 13.

We will proceed east on route 22, making a pit stop, about noon at the Duncansville Red Bull Inn. This would be a good place for our easternmost members to meet us. We should arrive at The Indian Caverns about 1 P.M. Bear Wertz, one of the owners will have two guides waiting. The very interesting tour will take 40 minutes or so, & we get special group rates. (\$2 adults \$1 children). The caverns are 56° all year round. Bear asks that we pay in one lump sum, so we will collect admission fees at the Red Bull.

After caving it, we will retrace our tracks back to the Red Bull Inn for dinner and a short meeting. Dinner prices range from \$3.45 to \$8.95, including soup & salad bars.

The drive through the mountains should be absolutely beautiful, if the 5 foot drift in our driveway is any indication. This tour is almost entirely on main routes & is 100 miles each way, so arrive with a full tank and a C.B. if you have one. See you on Sunday, good buddies!

In Historic Indian Caverns you will find indescribable beauty, from jewel-like grottoes with the glitter of a Sultan's palace to weird and unbelievable ancient configurations of solid stone.

The tour is conducted by a competent guide who explains the complete history of the caverns and points out various formations. One also learns a bit of geology as the guide takes you through nearly a mile of electrically illuminated splendor. Concrete and gravel walks make the tour easy even for elderly folks.

From an historic standpoint Indian Caverns is unmatched by any other, for within the cavern, skeletal remains of American Indians, over 500 Indian relics and a tablet of indian picture writing were unearthed. These relics and the tablet are on display in the relic room. The picturesque outlaw David Lewis and his band used Indian Caverns as their headquarters from 1816-1820.

A unique feature of the cavern is the Grotto of the Wan Wah Taysee or "Star Room" a phenomenon not found in any other known cave in the United States. The Frozen Niagara, an enormous sheet of flowstone, is larger than a two story building. A musical rock also fascinates many visitors with its bell like tones that echo through endless passageways.

Indian Caverns was important enough to warrant the reproduction of a permanent cave room display in the Carnegie Museum at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

If you really wish to see Mother Nature at her best, you should see World Famous Indian Caverns located in the heart of the beautiful Spruce Creek Valley. A spacious parking lot and picnic area is provided for your convenience. The indian totem pole and tee-pee are very photogenic and thrill the hearts of the children.

These are only a few of the many unique features of extensive scenic beauty and authentic Indian history which make Indian Caverns truly the world's most interesting one.

2. MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

I promise to always smile broadly, showing my teeth, while breaking all of my promises, and please, would ya'll eat plenty of peanut butter!

My idea of a local Corvair Club is to have fun, above all else. If we all enjoy the activities, meetings, and each other; progress and public recognition will follow naturally, and easily.

A big part of the fun is getting involved and pitching in. It is your club, and you, the members, can make it what it should be. If you have an idea for an activity or project, bring it to one of the officers' attention. Hopefully, you would agree to organize your idea into an activity. This planning is mostly fun and doesn't really take much time. I will help you sell the activity to the membership in the newsletter. You will gain much self-satisfaction when you see so many people truly enjoying a day that you planned for them.

With your help I would like to initiate several new activities into this years fun. Wayne Jones has suggested a picnic where we also have our mechanics help tune up your Vairs. Bill Artzburger has suggested a gymkhana type fun day at the Butler Fairgrounds, perhaps also inviting other clubs. How about an overnight Convoy or rally?

I feel that we should have, at least, a tentative schedule of events for the entire year; hopefully this will become the norm in the future. We attempted to hold a board meeting in January for this purpose, but the bitter cold forced us to cancel. We will try again in February. I would love to hear suggestions from the membership prior to the board meeting. (Call 325-2588 after 6:30 or on week-ends.)

We will continue to improve our meeting places, and I am not opposed to moving some meetings around Western Pa. in conjunction with activities. When we move meetings, it would be nice to see good turnouts from people who live near the one time meeting site.

When the officers sat down to name a board of directors and special advisors, there were so many truly outstanding members to choose from. It was a very difficult task, and this is basically a very healthy situation that points to a very bright and exciting future.

Albert E. Friend

3. OUR LAST MEETING

A hearty thank-you to all of the brave souls who plow through the drifts in their Vairs to attend. Considering the conditions, it was a great turnout, and thanks again to Al Thomas for making the Training Center available to the annual meeting.

Since Bates Murphy was in Houston on business, our V.P. George Douglas attended, to make it an official meeting, despite a long drive in the snow, and several hard to miss previous commitments. The election was held, the frost-across, and our '77 concourse were discussed, along with a very good tech. session. Wayne Jones was given the o.k. by the club to proceed with a newsletter, and roster binder project. Minutes will be read at the February meeting.

4. W.P.C.C. DUES

It is absolutely shocking, how few have mailed their dues to the treasurer!! Many people spend many hours, every week of the year, planning, and working for the club. How do you think these people feel when the treasurer reports that 1977 dues is coming in very slowly?? How long will they continue to work hard, if their efforts are not appreciated?? We need to know, early in the year, approximately how high the club will be. It affects everything that we plan for the year.

Mail \$6 for master memberships, and \$3 for each immediate family voting member to:

Mrs. Carolyn Sullivan
Treasurer W.P.C.C. Checks payable to W.P.C.C.
R.D. #2, Box 411-A
Saltsburg, Pa. 15681

We will publish the names of members who have not paid, by printing time, in the next (March) newsletter, as a final reminder.

5. CORSA DUES (Please read carefully)

Corsa is not on a calendar year as we are. Therefore, your Corsa renewal is not necessarily due in January. Your renewal date is printed on the address labels on Corsa publications that you receive. Corsa will send you a renewal envelope at the proper time. This is when you should fill it out and forward it along with a \$10 check made out to CORSA, NOT W.P.C.C., to Carolyn Sullivan, W.P.C.C. treasurer. By processing through our treasurer you pay \$10 rather than \$12 to belong to Corsa. Remember Carolyn doesn't know your status with Corsa, so explain to her whether your \$10 is for renewal or initial membership.

Reminder - as a chartered chapter of Corsa our members are required to belong to Corsa, the national organization.

Please - keep this information for future reference.

6. FOR SALE

69, "500", auto, needs paint - \$450
65, Corsa, completely restored, white - \$3200
65, Monza, auto, clean - \$1200
63, Rampside, in service - \$500
62, Greenbrier, runs - \$400
40 complete parts cars \$100 each
See through early model engine lid, will sell or trade.

THE YANKEE TRADER
Ivan Clever
412/845-1051

65, Monza, cp., auto, exc. blk, int., engine out & needs rebuilt.
Pete Meshanko - 963-9190

7 pairs of N.O.S. fender skirts for late models, primed & ready to paint. \$35/set - still in boxes. Joe Buffer - 527-9812

Pair of new Corvair Station Wagon rear coil springs. Stiffest made for early models. \$10. Al Friend - 325-2588

WANTED: 65 red buckets, mint only, will trade parts car even up.
Ivan Clever - 845-1051

7. BELIEVE IT OR NOT. by Ivan Clever

Oddities in the news; believe it or not by Clever, not Riploy! It came by surface mail so it took two months, and I don't know how he got my name and address. However, here it is, a letter to us from South Africa! Yes, South Africa! The letter is from Mr. R.E. Abbott who is the secretary of the Queenstown Motor Badge Collection, founded by him in 1965. He has requested a W.P.C.C. jacket patch and would like to correspond with us. I have sent a patch, and will correspond for the club. Future correspondence will be reported in the newsletter.

Dorothy and I are also planning to attend the Florida Corvair Affair during Easter vacation.

Ivan Clever

8. THIS & THAT

1. At the March meeting Wayne Jones will have binders for sale. They are yellow with the W.P.C.C. patch in three colors on the front cover. Inside will be four tab dividers. This is a good way to keep your club material all in one place. Also it will enable the club to make some money. Wayne has put this together for practically nothing. Cost to members will be \$2.75. Would cost about \$8.50 or more to duplicate.

2. Progress is being made toward the 1977 Concours. At least six of the Shriners are definite and more are probable; our show will be publicized in the Shriners "Voice" in the Pittsburgh area, the location will be either the Sheraton on the Mall, or the Howard Johnson's, both in Monroeville. The date is definitely June 5th, we will need many members on Saturday as well as Sunday. KEEP THIS ENTIRE WEEKEND OPEN.

3. Insuring that Showpiece: J.C. Taylor seems to be cancelling everyone's insurance if their car is under 25 yrs. old. If you get bumped try:

Condon & Skelly	James A. Grundy Agency
Antique Motor Car Insurance Brokers	500 Office Center Dr.
P.O. Box 1000	Fort Washington, Pa. 19034
Willingboro, N.J. 08046	215/628-3100
609/871-0600	

4. John Greenwald has been in the hospital with various problems for some time now. We all hope you a speedy recovery, John. A card has been sent from the club. Contact Judy Jones, the secretary, if you know of any members who are hospitalized.

5. Al Thomas has received his expected change of assignment. Al will be moving to Indianapolis where he will become the Asst. Zone Service Manager for Chevrolet. Congratulations, Al, and the best of luck to you and Peg from all the members of W.P.C.C. Thanks again, for everything that you have done for us and keep in touch.

6. Member, Ed Riesmeyer sent me an article that appeared in the Sunday Sarasota Herald-Tribune about Corsa Pres. and good friend, Tony Fiore. I would appreciate any articles on Corvairs that members may acquire. It may help me convince Bill Allan at the Press to run a Sunday Retro article on our club or the Concours. (Can't you take a hint, Bill???)