

# VAIR STREET JOURNAL

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

JULY 2003

## An Eventful Year for Our Club

This sure has turned out to be an eventful year for our club. The latest occurred last week when Emerick and Letty Buccigrossi did such a wonderful job of setting up our road trip to Mountaineer Race Track for the Car Cruise.

We all met at Eat'n Park on Route 60 near the Robinson Town Center. MaryEllen, Willa and I drove my '65 blue 4-door. MaryEllen's sister, Linda, and cousin John, drove my '65 convertible. Our two neighbor boys, Justin and Neil, drove my '65 black Corsa.

Bob Hieber led the way to the race track via old Route 30 through Chester, West Virginia. This turned out to be a pleasant and scenic drive through "Wild and Wonderful". The weather was cool but sunny when we arrived at Mountaineer.

Emerick, Bob, Justin, Neil and I spent time checking out the cars at the cruise, while John, Linda, MaryEllen, Willa and Letty headed straight for the slots. We joined

Don Baker wasn't around. He would have tried to put a hex on her, as he did at the Holiday Party.

We left Mountaineer at approximately 7:30. It had been a great day for everyone.



I look forward to seeing many of you at the Convention in Carlisle on July 15th.

PS: Let's hope that Jim Heatherington continues his recovery from surgery last month. It would be great also to see Jim and Suzanne at the Convention.

*Don Cekus*



The three beautiful Corvairs on this page are shown as they appeared at the Penn Hills Parade. At left is Pat Greenwald's '64 convertible. Upper most is Emerick Buccigrossi's '66 coupe, and below is Don Cekus' newly acquired '65 convertible. Please note that two of them were trophy winners.



them later and dropped a "few" quarters of our own. Willa was the lucky one, winning \$40 before dinner.

Willa did it again after our buffet dinner together—to our amazement, she won an additional \$160. Good thing

## Minutes of the May 27, 2003 WPCC Member Meeting

### Officers Present:

- Vice President, Steve Puskas
- Treasurer, Bill Brill;
- Secretary, Pat Greenwald

### Board members present:

- Bill Artzberger
- Emerick Buccigrossi
- Dave Fabyonic
- Jim Heatherington
- Bob Hieber
- Charles Lucas

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Steve Puskas.

The minutes of the March 25th meeting were accepted as printed in the *Journal*. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$3241.08. There are 40 paid-up members.

Pat Greenwald report on the club's participation in the Penn Hills Memorial Day Parade. Pat, Don Cekus, and Emerick and Letty Buccigrossi showed off their cars. Emerick brought home a 2nd place trophy and Don received a third place trophy.

Charles Lucas reported that he had tickets for the show at the Riverside Inn, but there were no rooms available for June 26th. It was decided to move the event to Friday, June 25. Luke thinks that there are rooms available for that date. He will make the arrangements and call those planning to attend that are not at the meeting.

Dave Fabyonic still needs 2 more cars for the Canonsburg July 4th parade. Steve agreed to go and can provide two cars if he has another driver.

Bob Hieber discussed the Crafton parade. He hasn't heard from the

organizers yet, but it is usually a week-day evening in the last week of June.

This is a nice causal event with parade dignitaries traditionally riding in the convertibles that are available. In the past our payment has been based on the number of cars participating.

Emerick discussed plans for the trip to the Mountaineer Race Track Car Cruise in Chester, W. Va on Saturday, June 21st. The cruise goes from 3:00 until 7:00. Those going should meet at 1:00 at the Eat'n Park at the intersection of Rt 60 and Rt 22/30 at Robinson Town Center.

A discussion followed concerning more communication of information to members. Suggestions included a postcard between newsletters, a phone tree and an updated list of event information.

The trip to the Green Gables Restaurant and the Mountain Playhouse is set for June 1st. Jim Heatherington asked those going to meet at the McDonalds on Rt 30 at Norwin Town Square at 10:30 am. We will travel to Jennerstown with the Model A club.

Les Walter was not able to make contact with the jacket supplier.

Steve read a letter from Vaun Hamlin stating that Vaun will provide Tee shirts to those who will wear them at the Corsa International Convention on Wednesday, the day of the People's choice display. Vaun sent a sample Tee with a picture of his car on it. Those interested should let Don Cekus know.

Members wishing to caravan to the convention should meet at the McDonalds at the New Stanton turn-

pike rest stop at mile 74.5 at 10:00 am on Tuesday, July 15th.

Don Baker informed members that this weekend (May 30, 31 and June 1) Cumberland Md. Is celebrating 50 years of racing. Donna Mae Mims is being honored and is the featured speaker.

Don also announced that he has issues of *Automobile Club Quarterly* for sale. This is a publication of automobile history.

Steve had some price information about the proposed trip to the Tour-Ed Mine. Bob Hieber visited the Tarentum Station restaurant for a place to eat in connection with this event, but they didn't seem interested. He will check out other places. Steve and Bob will pick a date for this event, probably in August.

Steve had tickets for the Quilt raffle at the convention. There was no interest and it was suggested that the tickets be returned.

Les passed around a flier with information about the Oglebay Park Good Zoo Car Show and Swap Meet on August 22, 23 and 24. Interested members should contact Les.

Don Baker announced that the Vintage Grand Prix is having a giant car cruise night this year at the Waterfront Mall on Tuesday, July 15th. Those not going to the convention may want to go to this.

Respectfully submitted,

*Pat Greenwald*

Pat Greenwald, secretary

WPCC

*WPCC Current Roster of Members*

MAY 2003

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*If you would like to correct or update your listing, please forward the correct information to:*

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## "Gentlemen, Start Your Engines!"

BY BILL ARTZBERGER

It is recorded that the first electric starters, as we know them today, were installed in the 1912 Cadillacs. But there were many types of starters that preceded this landmark date.

The most basic was for the car owner to turn off the ignition with the throttle wide open. Supposedly, the raw fuel would cause the gas/air mixture to explode and start the engine. A variation of this method was to pump acetylene into the combustion chamber upon starting.

Then, compressed air was used to fill the cylinders, causing the pistons to turn the crankshaft and the engine would start. Maybe? A variation of this was to store exhaust gas in a pressure tank. This exhaust pressure was destined to pressurize the combustion chambers. Questionably, which came first, the chicken or the egg? Where did the exhaust come from to start the cycle? From another car, perhaps?

Further, there was a spring mechanism attached to the hand crank. It had to be hand wound. Upon release it spun the engine enough to start it. Maybe? We hope so.

This leads to the present-day electric starter that most of us are familiar with. It was invented by *Charles Kettering*. He was an electrical engineer and had just resolved a problem of operating a cash register with an electric motor.

His thinking revolved around the idea that if an electric motor was small enough to operate a cash register drawer for only brief periods of time, a small electric motor could be used to start and automobile engine. A small electric motor could be overloaded briefly as long as it could be cooled down between uses.

Your Corvair starter is an unusually large motor.

Although the Corvair engine is comparatively small, it is also of the high-compression type. This is one of the reasons for the over-sized starter. Corvair starters, if not abused by continual running in some hard-to-start Corvairs, will last the life of the car. Your owners manual states that you should not use your starter for more than 15 seconds at a time.

If there is any problems with the starter, it will occur during the time the engine and starter are hot. This condition means that you must replace the armature bearings. And while you have your starter apart, the brushes should probably be

replaced too. All of this is an easy job that can be done on your kitchen table (while your spouse isn't looking).

With new bearings and brushes (very reasonably priced) your repaired starter will last as long as its old car owner.

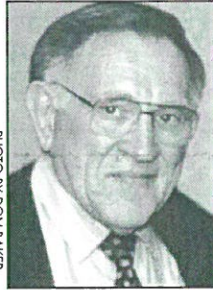
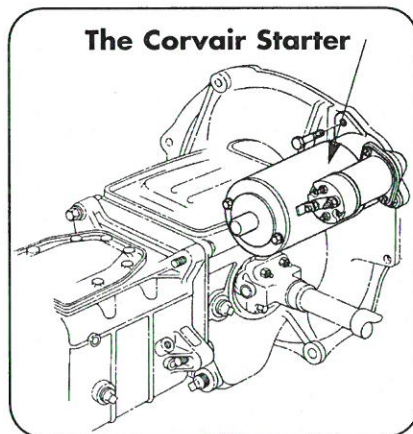


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Bill Artzberger



The Corvair Starter

## FOR SALE

### Automotive Quarterly

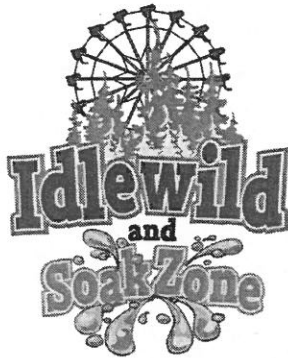
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- **Craft Sale &  
Demonstrations**
- **Country Line Dancing**
- **Old Fashioned Fun &  
Games**

# Old Fashioned Days



Tuesday, July 22 through Friday, July 25



## Get Ready to "Rev and Roll!"

Get ready to "rev up and roll" to Idlewild as we celebrate our 52nd Old Fashioned Days. Just pick a day, pack a picnic and gather up the family and join us for a day of fun!

The highlight of the event will be our daily car show and parade. Antique and classic vehicles will be on display daily in a reserved section of Parking Area A. We will end each day with a parade through the park. The parade will start promptly at 7:00 PM and is limited to the first 125 vehicles. Each entrant will receive a commemorative plaque in appreciation for attendance.

For admittance, vehicles must be in quality condition, at least 15 years old and/or registered as an antique or classic. Vehicles not meeting these standards will not be permitted to participate. We ask that you enter Idlewild's main entrance (gates open at 10:00 AM) and proceed to Gate No. 2 to register your vehicle. Free admission will be limited to (2) two per car and includes park rides and attractions. Additional family members will receive \$6.00 off our \$20.95 admission with a donation of a canned food item. Donations benefit the Salvation Army Food Bank.

Pick a day and spread the word to family and friends to join the fun at Idlewild during Old Fashioned Days!

**Questions? Call Kathy, Jodi or Patti at 724-238-6784.**

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Next Meeting

*July 22, 2003*

Hoss's Restaurant • Route 22 • Murrysville  
 Dinner at 6:30 p.m. • Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

*Never forget 09-11-01*



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 Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club  
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It's Sunday morning (a beautiful day for a change).  
 July 14, 2003, and I'm doing my very best to finish  
 this July issue of the Vair Street Journal so that I  
 can concentrate on what is upper most in my mind  
 right now: getting my Corvair ready to head East to  
 Carlisle for the International CORSA Convention.  
 Since this will come to your home as the Convention  
 is taking place, it is my hope that I will have seen  
 you there, especially those members who do not attend  
 our meetings or events but who have decided to make  
 the trip to Carlisle because it is right here in  
 Pennsylvania. To those who attended, I hope you  
 had a great time.  
 Luke