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Earl's CORSA Convention 2004

or what he saw at the convention from the asphalt and his engine compartment

were hoping for the best of times, but by golly, it was more like the worst of times—at least as conventions go. My very good friend, Earl Goehring, and I decided to travel together in his red '63 coupe to the CORSA National Convention in Lexington, Kentucky. The generator had very recently been rebuilt and the aftermarket air conditioning unit that was purchased in Carlisle last year was in place—we would be cool in the June heat of Kentucky. What could go wrong?

When we left Earl's garage on Tuesday morning in a down pour, we were headed to Thompson's Restaurant in Harmony, PA, where we would meet WPCC prez, Steve Puskas for breakfast. Earl's coupe was not running very well. Steve, who missed breakfast with us, did show up in his white 65 convertible as we were filling up at the Exxon just down the road from Thompson's.

Next stop, the rest area at Carnegie on I-79 to meet Bill and Ed Clapper. Earl's car continued to sputter as the three car caravan continued onto Rt. 70.

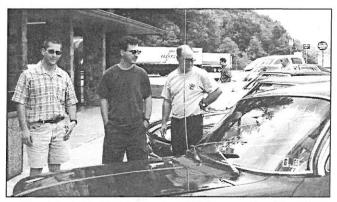
The route that Earl selected was Rt. 7, which generally follows the Ohio River on the Ohio side. At Ashland, Kentucky, Rt. 7 connects with Rt. 64, the road most Corvairs coming from the east used to eventually get to Lexington. (I don't have a map handy as I write this, so if some of this isn't quite right, I beg your forgiveness).

At Coolville, Ohio (don't know how really cool these folks are) we stopped for fuel and to our dismay Earl's red coupe would not fire up. There was nothing! It was a reminder of the

Earl had no recourse but to call AAA

Brentwood parade of two years ago, but we won't go into that right now. About an hour later after Earl tried all sorts of things, the car suddenly started and we were on our way again. The car sputter and ran poorly but we continued on our way.

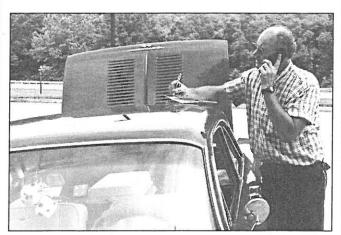
About a hundred miles out of Lexington we halted our journey at the first roadside rest on Rt. 64. After almost an hour of coaxing, Earl had no recourse but to call AAA when the car again refused to start. Steve and I along with Bill and Ed Clapper continued on to Lexington while Earl waited for the flatbed to arrive.



Steve Pushas, Bill Clapper and Ed Clapper stand beside Earl's '63 coupe at the first rest area on Rt. 64

By the time I registered with the hotel and got my T-shirt and packet of materials from the convention sponsors, Earl was at the hotel registration desk.

A new starter would be going into the Corvair but that would wait until morning. It was time for something to eat. We dined at deSha's and chilled out the rest of the evening. End of day one.



Earl coordinates his location at the first rest area with AAA

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Minutes of the May 25, 2004 WPCC Member Meeting

Officers Present:

- · President, Steve Puskas
- · Vice President, John Gundlach
- Treasurer, Bill Brill
- · Secretary, Pat Greenwald

Board members present:

- · Don Cekus
- · Tim Desmond
- Bob Hieber
- · Les Walter.

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Puskas.

The minutes of the March 23rd meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$2798.89. Thirty dollars was received for last years Crafton parade. There are 37 paid members.

Les Walter distributed more club jackets and shirts. He is still accepting orders for shirts but colors are limited.

Don Cekus presented the Member of the Year Trophy to Les Walter and thanked him for the work he did with the jackets, shirts and the Moundsville trip.

Les reported on the Moundsville trip. (Details and a picture appeared in the last newsletter.)

Jim Heatherington announced that he has made the plans for the trip to Jennerstown for lunch at the Green Gables and a musical at the Mountain Playhouse. The date is Sunday, June 27th with a meeting time of 10:30 at the Norwin shopping center.

The price for the musical is \$22.00. Luke will mail a postcard with all details.

The club has received tickets for a 50/50 raffle to benefit the Corvair Scholarship Fund. Anyone interested can buy a ticket from Pat Greenwald. The winner will be announced June 19th at the convention.

Idlewild Old Fashioned Days are July 19th through July 23rd. In the past, WPCC members usually go on Tuesday or Thursday.

Don Cekus discussed plans for the trip to the convention. He and some others are leaving on Monday; others are leaving Tuesday or Wednesday.

The question of the location of the club banner was raised. Luke will mention this in the next mailing.

Tim Desmond reported on last weekend's trip to the Ohio Amish country. Although the weather was good there was lots of water to contend with from rain the previous days. Roads were flooded and a power outage closed the Smucker's store where jelly and jam tasting was planned. But the fourteen who attended had a good time with very nice accommodations, good food and interesting things to see.

Steve has received no more information on the Hot Air Balloon event in New Castle July 15th — 18th. The event at the Scotland Meadows Park will include a rally, carnival, food, and fireworks.

John Gundlach is working on plans for the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon trip and Steve is working out details for the Penn's Cavern trip. Steve called attention to information in the Corsa Communique about a Time Trials event at Beaver Run in Koppel PA on August 29-30.

Dave Fabyonic asked for names of those interested in participating in the Canonsburg parade. The parade is on Saturday July 3rd this year. The organizers would like six to eight cars.

Bob Hieber announced that the Carfton parade organizers do not have the money to compensate participants in this year's parade. The same is true for the Penn Hills Memorial Day Parade.

Al Friend informed the members that there is a car cruise every Thursday at the Lamplighter on Rt. 22.

Steve asked Luke to include a membership application in the next newsletter.

Bill Brill reported that he and Jean had a nice visit with Vaun and Charlotte Hamlin when they were in Florida. They are doing well and send their regards to the club members.

Don Baker talked about the scheduled events for this year's Vintage Grand Prix. The Marque car this year is the Mini-Cooper and one is being raffled off. Les has tickets for those interested (\$10).

Don Baker won \$10.00 in the 50/50 raffle.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Greenwald, secretary

Mountain Playhouse/Green Gables Restaurant Dinner-Theater

Thanks to Suzanne Heatherington for submitting this article

On Sunday, June 27, Jim and Suzanne Heatherington led a group to Jennerstown. Don & Mary Ellen Cekus, Pat Greenwald and Steve Puskas were there from the Corvair Club. Chuck & Jeanne Berrington from the 3-Rivers Model A Club also went along. We left the McDonald's on Route 30 and drove out through the country, picking up Route 31 near Ruffs Dale. We headed due east through New Stanton, Donegal and

Somerset, where we stopped for a break. Now we were ready to climb the mountain to Jennerstown. We got to the Green Gables Restaurant at about 1:00 and had a delicious lunch, finishing just in time to get to the theater for the beginning of the show: Honky Tonk Angels. The show featured a clever and inventive storyline designed to present many familiar and well-loved country hits sung by women. The three female stars were talented

singers and actors, creating a believable atmosphere where the songs stirred memories while moving the action along. Everyone enjoyed it very much—we wish there had been more members there. Following the show, we headed out for Route 30-West and home. It was a delightful day; the weather was beautiful—sunny but not too warm, and all the cars ran well.

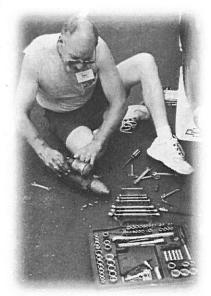
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Day two—The next morning after breakfast, Earl was under the Corvair removing the starter with much cursing, contorting, knuckle skinning, cursing, elbow scraping, socket and wrench dropping and more cursing. If you've ever removed a starter

from a Corvair on the street with the jack that came in the car's trunk, you know how difficult the task is.

With a rebuilt starter in hand, Earl was back at work doing the above in reverse order and perhaps with one less curse. Best of all the car did start— well not at first—he forgot to connect the battery cable; but with that done, it did start.





The old starter is finally out, thanks to borrowed sockets from John Sweet and another convention attendee

was nearing supper time Earl decided it was time to take a test drive. At first the car seemed to run very well. I'd guess we were five to seven miles from the Hyatt with the car sputtering and running roughly. We pulled into a "Pancake House", both to eat and see what would happen when we went out to start the car again.

Our luck hadn't changed, except, that instead of doing nothing when the key was turned, it turned over very slowly and then died. The driver of a Dodge pick-up truck gave us two jump starts—the car lapsed into a coma about a minute after the first one and struggled out of the parking lot of the Pancake House after the second start. A short distance later however, the car died again right under a highway overpass.

We pushed Earl's poor Corvair as close to the main support of the overpass as possible—not an enviable place to have a valued car. At a service station a short distance away we asked where the nearest parts store was. "Go two lights, turn right, then two more lights and you're there", was the answer.

When you are walking along a main highway the distance between two traffic lights can vary from what it might be in town, if you get my drift. About a mile-and-three-quarters later we saw the second light. With a service station at this juncture we asked again where the nearest parts store was. "Go left at this light, there's an Advance Auto Parts place a quarter mile up the road". I

always say it's good to get a second opinion.

Earl bought a battery and a battery strap and we took turns carrying it two miles back to the Corvair. Was it heavy? Don't ask! And yes, the car started with the new battery. Two miles down the highway at Advance Auto Parts, Earl turned-in the old dead battery and we continued on our merry way, thinking that most of our problems were behind us.

The next thing I remember was stopping at the traffic light on the hill beside the Hyatt. Earl cursed the light for being red just as the car had another cardiac arrest.

There I stood, directing cars in the lane behind us to merge into the left lane while Earl drifted back to a safe place where we could cry. Then the most embarrassing thing that could ever happen to a Corvair actually did happen.

Friends, you may be thinking that I made this whole thing up; that we posed the above photos to make up a convincing, interesting and entertaining story. Well, you doubting Thomas types can just banish the thought. What comes next is the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Our story continues...A white car appeared out of nowhere, pulled over and stopped just ahead of Earl's Corvair. I hesitate to mention the make and model, but I must be up front about it—it was a ford mustang. A 1966 Mustang.

But I can't say enough about Mark, owner of that white car. What a nice guy he was, and that goes also for his female companion. Not only did he jump start Earl's Corvair, but followed behind Earl to make sure that he made it into the Hyatt parking lot.

Day three—The events of the previous day left a lot of unanswered questions, and lots of people offered lots of different answers to the dilemma.



John Sweet and Earl discuss some of possible solutions to getting Earl's car back on the road

Earl was concerned about the ignition switch, so the first thing he did Thursday morning was tear apart the dash board. I have no

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2004 CORVAIR DAYS

Hosted by CENTRAL PA CORVAIR CLUB

September 18-19,2004 at the Eisenhower Inn 1-800-766-8349 On Business Rt. 15 South of Gettysburg

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Family Registration (per car entered)		(\$4.00	\$5.00	\$
Road Rally			\$8.00	\$10.00	\$
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Banquet Saturday Evening			\$25.00	\$25.00	\$
Child (5-12)			\$12.50	\$12.50	\$
CORSA New Membership				\$35.00	\$
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18,2004 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2004

Registration	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Hospitality Room	9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Outdoor Vendor Set-Up	9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
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Concours Judging12:00 PM Sharp

Concours Trophy Presentation 3:00 PM (or as soon as completed)

- Award for the Funkanna and Road Rally will be given out at the completion of each event
- 50/50 and door prize tickets will be sold throughout both days. Door prize numbers will be listed in the Hospitality room. 50/50 numbers will be announced plus listed in Hospitality room.
- Tech sessions will be announced and posted in the Hospitality room each day.

Notes of interest:

- Boyds Bear is one mile before you arrive at the Eisenhower Inn. Stop in and have a visit. You can make your own Boyds Bear.
- September 18th and 19th -Eisenhower World War II Weekend-@ Eisenhower National Historic Site, Gettysburg. This s a living history encampment featuring Allied soldiers, tanks, and military vehicles from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

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clue as to what all was done but I'm certain he replaced the neutral switch. When everything was put back together up front, he moved to the engine compartment.

A new set of spark plug wires were purchased and installed over properly regapped spark plugs; points and condenser were also replaced and adjusted. Having so many vendors at our disposal was great. When I went into the hotel to buy a new coil, both Clark's Corvair Parts and Corvair Underground were sold out. It didn't take Earl long to find a descent looking used one to replace the existing one that showed a lot of corrosion.

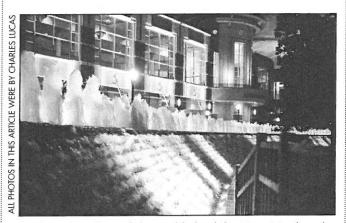
With all of that done Earl's Corvair should be ready for the road, right? Well, not quite. After a road test that saw it run pretty well, it wouldn't start after it was shut down.

Onto the scene walks Don Cekus, who is already aware of what Earl has been doing for the past couple of days. Don looked at the large cooling fan (from a Geo Tracker) above the air conditioning core and asked Earl if the fan runs at the same time that the engine does, regardless of whether the AC is on or not. The answer of course is, "yes". "There's the problem" he says. "It's drawing too many amps and draining the battery". (Earlier in the week Don had also helped John Gundlach with problems that he had with his 1964 Spyder).

The fan was promptly disconnected, the engine was started, the timing was set and Earl's Corvair took another test drive—and

when it returned, it promptly started again, and again, and again, each time it was shut down. Yessssss!

It was time for a well deserved supper. Present at Joe Balogna's Italian Restaurant were Don and Mary Ellen Cekus, Willa Falcettoni, Pat Greenwald, Bob Hieber, Jim and Suzanne Heatherington, Dolly Izzo, Steven Puskas, Earl Goehring and me.



Night time in the park located behind the Hyatt Hotel, with it's lovely fountains and waterfall

You're probably wondering how Earl's Corvair ran the next day when we headed home. I am please to say, "it ran like a Corvair".

Some Great News from the Convention!

You bet! It was great to get away for a few days and rub shoulders with folks who love Corvairs. As you might expect, the convention was wonderful, and the good news has to do with the awards received by members of WPCC.

Gold Awards—

Don Cekus*	1965 Convertible
Jim HeatheringtonSenior Award	1968 Coupe
John TygerSenior Award	1965 Coupe
*Already a Senior Award Recipient	

Car Display-

Don Cekus......1965 4-door Sedan*....Class—Late Sedan John Gundlach1964 Spyder*......Class—Early Open *Judged one of the top three in their class

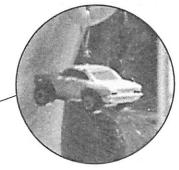
Auto Cross—

Pat Greenwald took first place in the Women's Division IS2, (Improved Stock 2 class) driving Don Cekus' 1968 Sedan

Congratulations to all of our winners! We as a club are proud to have you as a member and competitor. Thank you.

SEEN at the CONVENTION





Last year it was Corvair sneakers, this year it was Corvair earings

The Prez Sez

The CORSA National Convention in Lexington, Kentucky, was fantastic! If you missed this one or have never attended one, you should make an effort to go to a future convention. In two years the convention will be held in Buffalo, New York. That's not a bad trip. Your Corvair will appreciate the opportunity to put some miles on the odometer. So, think about it, you'll love it too.

The Balloon Fest, I'm sorry to say will have to be rescheduled for next year. The July 31 – Aug 1, Cave Trip has been pushed back and will be rescheduled. I'll have more about those two events at this month's meeting at King's Restaurant on Tuesday, July 27. Hope to see you there.

Steve Puskas,

WPCC President



OHIO AMISH TRIP

Thanks to Tim Desmond for submitting this article

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May 22-23—We had a stormy and wet morning facing us, but by the time we left Krispy-Kreme in Cranberry the sky was actually clearing up and we didn't encounter anymore rain the entire weekend.

We left a little after 6 A.M. and took the turnpike to Ohio, Rt. 7 south. As we headed toward Columbiana, Ohio, for breakfast at Der Dutch Haus, we encountered a flooded Rt. 14. All of our cars performed well as amphicars and made it through the water. Even Steve Puskas' Cougar escaped drowning. The restaurant was a welcome sight and the food was delicious!

We were back on the road again around 8:30 heading for Orrville, Ohio, to the west of Canton on Rt. 30. I had planned to visit the Smucker's store so that we could all taste their jams and jellies. Because of the rain and bad weather, the store was closed due of a power outage. I suppose there can be disappointments on any trip, but fortunately, this was the only one.

Next was Lehman's Hardware in Kidron, Ohio. We spent 2-3 hours there, and if you've never been there before, you could probably stay there all day. I could go on for pages describing what you can buy there, but I'll just say, if you are ever near Kidron, which is about 25

miles east of Canton, you have to stop there to believe it.

From Kidron, we drove to the Amish Door Restaurant and Inn, in Wilmont, Ohio, to check it out as a possible dinner spot. Then we looked at a restaurant in Walnut Creek, but the Amish Door won.

After all of this running around it was after 3 P.M., so we headed to Berlin. The Amish Country Inn, where we spent the night, is located there. It turned out to be a very nice hotel/inn. They had wonderful food in the restaurant and a very nice spa with a great pool and hot tub. On Sunday morning we were all gathered in the restaurant for a full breakfast that was included in our package.

As we made our way home, we stopped at Heini's Cheese Factory, a short five mile drive from the Inn. We all loaded up on cheese souvenirs for the trip home. When we left there we split up into two groups and everyone had a uneventful trip home. All in all it was a very interesting and fun trip. Hope we can do it again sometime!

Smally R. Desmond

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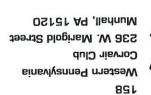
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