

1. The next meeting will be held Thursday, March 4 at 8 PM at Beyeriaux Chevrolet in Freeport. Try to make it if possible, we must make a final decision on a car show at the GM training center.

2. SUMMATION OF OUR LAST MEETING.

The Feb. meeting was very short and productive, since we were tired and well oiled after our romp in the snow. It was decided that Dave Fabyonic would serve as meeting place chairman, and that the March 4 meeting would be at Devie's as usual. The April 1 meeting is already scheduled for the GM Training Center, compliments of our good friend Al Thomas. Dave therefor, has until now to come up with a final decision.

It was also decided that I would present a plan for the proposed June car show in this newsletter. We will then discuss and vote on the proposals next Thursday night. Like I said, short, sweet, and to the point.

A look back to Packsaddle '76

3. A BLOW BY BLOW ACCOUNT OF THE FEB. 7 RALPH NADER, FROST ACROSS, CONVOY!

Ten Corvairs including new member, Bill Artzberger's beautiful, newly restored Corvan, and one front wheel drive water - pumper made the trip. The winter landscape was simply breathtaking, truly a winter wonderland. The pine trees were all flocked, the hardwoods sparkled in a coat of ice, and in places, snowdrifts towered over the cars on both sides of the road. The back roads were mostly snowcovered and beautiful, and so were the main highways, come to think of it. In several places while winding through the mountains we could look out our side window and see the last car above or below us. It was perfect "Corvairian" weather; snow and ice everywhere and more coming down.

We only had two delays. The first was getting past stranded water-pumpers on a particularly icy slope of Route 30. The other problem developed when I had my room-mate taking movies instead of navigating, and we did a little backtracking before we finally located Packsaddle Bridge. Ten Corvairs and a trailing Audi went past a mailman in a pick-up truck three times. The poor guy was waved at 33 times in ten minutes on a lonely mountain road by the greatest bunch of city slickers this side of Punxsutawney.

Well, after all that fun, we did locate the bridge. Since it was at the bottom of the steepest snow-covered hill in the world we decided to send John and Erna Getz down to see if they could make it back up. We picked the Getz's because their home is only seven miles from Packsaddle; easy walking distance in two feet of snow! Besides we could have sent someone down for them in the Spring! Well, as it turned out, their Vair came up like it was on a dry road. So we all finally drove through, looked at, touched, and took pictures of Packsaddle Bridge and the partially frozen waterfall. Is it any wonder, that we all stuffed ourselves at the Oakhurst Tea Room afterward.

Hey gang- if you're going to drive a fun car, that can do anything as well as, or better than, anything else on the road, come on out and join us on these excursions. Believe me, we have a ball! The gang on this trip ranged in age from 5-30, so don't be thinking that you won't fit in. Bring a friend or another couple in the back seat. You only go around life once, you know.

Sorry to put it this way, but if you do not send in your annual dues by March 21, THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER! Check the appropriate blocks and send this form along with your check payable to WPOC to: Mike Sullivan, Treasurer, RD # 2 Box 411-A Saltsburg, Pa. 15681.

- Remitting \$6 renewal 1976 dues.
- Remitting \$5 local dues since I am a new member (\$0.50 per month)
- Remitting \$8 Corsa dues since I am not a member of the national club (MANDATORY FOR NEW MEMBERS) (INCLUDES \$2 CHAPTER DISCOUNT)

P.S. We'd sure like to have you aboard this year.

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4. FEB. 7 RALPH NADER CONVOY - C.B. RADIO CHATTER. THAT WILL CRACK YOU UP!

GLOSSARY OF C.B. JARGON

HANDLE - nickname      NADER HATER - Al Friend's handle      GREENSTAMP - Turnpike  
SUNKIST - John Greenwald's handle      PORTABLE PARKING LOT - A car carrier  
TEN FOUR - Acknowledgment or yes      SMOKIES - State police  
TIJUANA TAXI - A marked state police car      NITE EARS - A C.B. equiped vehicle

We had our new C.B. in the lead Corvair(at the front door)and John Greenwald (an old pro)was at the back door of the caravan. After getting everyone in line on the Greenstamp, it went like this:

SUNKIST - Mercy sakes alive, we've got us a ralph nader convoy!

NADER HATER - Ten four on the convoy, good buddy, we've got us ten of those sleek, air cooled, rear-motor'n moomas!

SUNKIST - Say there westbound portable parking lot, how's the weather into Somerset?

PARKING LOT - Hey guy, it's still & clear all the way into that Somerset.

SUNKIST - Mercy sakes, that's good news for sure.

PARKING LOT - Let me finish, it's still snowen, and it's clear up to your belly button!

SUNKIST - Ten four on your belly button, good buddy.

A TRUCKER - Mercy, ralph nader would roll over in his grave if he saw all of these Corvairs. Hope you guys have extra fan belts.

NADER HATER - We do, and we also have four wheel independant suspension, just like those expensive Mercedes.

A TRUCKER - We have a westbound Tijuana Taxi, on the move, at the 57 mile mark.

ANOTHER TRUCKER - I can't make out the mile markers in this blizzard.

STILL ANOTHER TRUCKER - Yea, those Smokies must be throwing snow on them!

After our rest stop at the Holiday Inn, it went something like this:

SUNKIST - Hey Nader Hater, we have a wildman in an Olde passing all of us.

NADER HATER - No problem, we'll all pass him on the first hill. Whoops, trouble ahead, water pumfers are stuck all over the next hill.

A PUMFER WITH EARS - You'll never get that convoy over this hill, you can't even walk on that ice.

NADER HATER - We're on the steep part now, and the Corvairs are having no difficulty.

SUNKIST - Go, go, go.

NADER HATER - Water pumfers are stuck everywhere up here! Dave Fabyonic is pointing to the left berm, it's the only place open, let's go up it.

SUNKIST - Ten four on the left berm, here we all come! O.K. we're all over the top now.

NADER HATER - We're not running snowtires on our Vair, are you, Sunkist?

SUNKIST - Negitory! Wouldn't it be nice if all cars had the engine in the right end!

A STUCK WATER PUMFER - Ah, sour grapes!

Later, right in the middle of nowhere:

NADER HATER - My navigator says we've gone too far, we're turning around at this intersec-tion & heading back. Wave to the mailman again.

SUNKIST - Ten four dummy, hey look at all the Corvairs passing us in the other direction!

NADER HATER - You won't believe this, but we were right the first time. Wave to the mailman one more time!

SUNKIST - You had better hope that no-one brought a rope with them!

ON THAT NOTE I'LL SIGN OFF.

5. Mike Sullivan, our treasurer asked me to include this reminder to the membership. when your CORSAs membership comes due, fill out the form you receive from CORSAs before sending it to Mike with your \$8 renewal check. Make the check payable to WPOC.

6. Ken Boice, who does our printing will start on a new roster soon, if your 1976 dues is not paid by March 21 you will not be in it.

7. MY PROPOSALS FOR A JUNE CORVAIR SHOW(CONCOURS)

Sunday June 13th looks like the best date, since school will be out, and it will be about one month until the nationals. Ivan, Bill Artzberger, John Greenwald, Walt Matankosky, and many others have already sworn in blood that their cars will be there. Al Thomas has been consulted and the 13th is O.K. It also looks like the Holiday Inn, Parkway East will be available to us in case of rain. (in-door garage under the Inn)

Corsa judging rules will be used. The classes will be kept simple.(6 total)  
(1) Early model stock (2) Early model modified (includes Lakewoods) (3) Late model stock (4) Late model modified (includes mid-engines, Stingers, etc.) (5) Trucks (includes all Corvairs, Rampides, etc.) (6) Specialty Class ( all Vair powered dune buggies, Avengers, etc.)

We will need 6 judges total, working in teams of two. Please let me know if you have experience, and/or would like to be a judge. You will not judge a class in which you have a car entered. All WFOC members will have name tags.

All entrants and workers will receive a dash plaque. There will be a trophy presented in each class for every three cars entered, maximum of three trophies per class. Entrance fees will be \$3/ car for Corsa and/or local chapter members and \$6 for non-club people. Spectators will be charged \$2 for adults and 25¢ for children under 12. Al Thomas' people or the Inn will set up refreshment stands. I think that only our chapter should have a booth selling Corvair items. Door prizes should be in order.

The show can be well advertised: Nationally in Corsa, Old Cars, Hemmings Motor News, and other publications. Locally in newspapers, club newsletters, via posters, fliers, and Al Thomas will notify all GM dealerships in the Pittsburgh zone. There is a strong possibility of good participation from neighboring states and Central Penna, since this will be an excellent tune up for the big one in July. Pre-registration could be encouraged with a \$1 discount before June 1. If it is warranted by out of the area participation, concours headquarters could be set up at the Holiday Inn Parkway East and visitors encouraged to stay there. (indoor parking)

The training center can park a total of 200 cars or so. Show cars will be parked in the far end and roped off, so the public will not be driving past them. Cars will be parked in the classes. Judging should begin at 1 o'clock so as not to compete with church and trophies presented at 3 o'clock.

These are proposals only, please digest all of this carefully, and bring your thoughts with you to the March 4 meeting. Hey, gang, this is our chance to make a lot of money, and gain a lot of respectability in Corsa and among our sister auto clubs in Western Penna. It cannot be done properly by just a handful of people, it will take a commitment from all of us. A final decision must be made at the March 4 meeting in order to advertise in time. It is absolutely imperative that we have most, if not all of the active members at this meeting. Let us repeat one thing: Al Thomas will notify all U.S. dealerships in the Pittsburgh Zone!

8. NSW MEMBERS

Dr. Thomas McCarthy  
67 Hathaway Court  
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15235  
799-3711

Dr. McCarthy is a Gynaecologist and a true Corvair nut like the rest of us. He bought his first Vair in 1960, and is presently driving a 24,000 mi. 69 conv. welcome aboard Dr. & we sure would like to see that convertible.

Bill Artzberger Jr.  
305 Golf Dr.  
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15229  
364-6842

Bill and his family drove two Vairs in "the convoy" He later mentioned: "we had a wonderful time, and were pleasantly surprised to see so many people of all ages participating. Other auto clubs that we belong to consist only of young people."

Bernie Weiers  
Laurel Valley Auto Sales  
Route 30 E. Box 238  
Latrobe, Pa. 15650

Bernie recently purchased a mint 1960, yes 60, 4-door. I have never even seen a 60 Vair at any car show, anywhere! Bernie, if at all possible, let us have a look at it at Devie's on Thursday. Consider yourself one of the keys to a successful car show in June.

NEW MEMBERS, CONTINUED

Robert A. Chiocca  
Box 109 RD#2 Venetia, Pa.  
941-9198 15367

Bob is a 35 yr. old design draftsman, who drives a 1965 "500". Bob and I had a phone conversation quite a while ago; he was looking for a Corvair at the time, & must have found one. Welcome to WFCC & CORSA Bob. See you on Thursday.

Hazel Dillner  
56 Dewey St.  
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15223  
782-2402

Mrs. Dillner is 68 years young, and is a true Corvair lover. She has ten grandchildren, and will be a great grandmother in July. She bought her 1964 Monza new, and regularly drives her daughter places when her falcon is broke! We will all have the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Dillner on Thursday at the meeting.

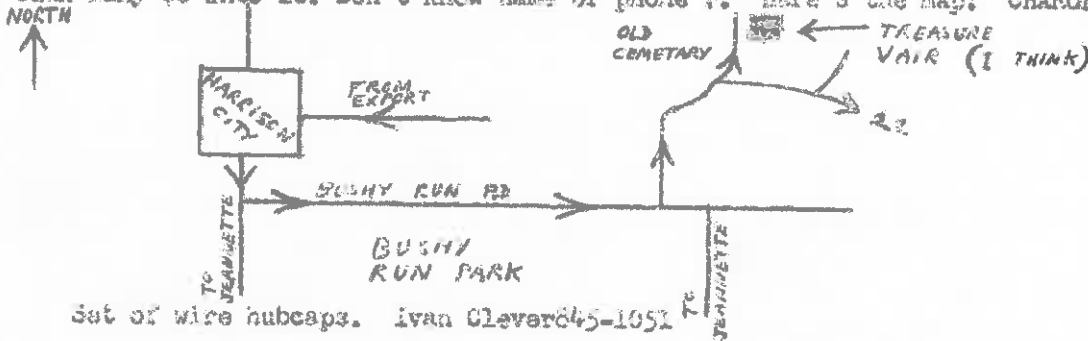
ADDRESS CHANGES

Don & Gerla Hosac  
1754 Freeport Road  
Arnold, Pa. 15068 339-7407

FOR SALE

65 Monza 4-dr. 28,000 mi. Lou 881-3351  
65 Monza, maroon, 52,000 mi. good cond. \$595. Bill Walter 561-1732  
Both doors from 69 op. black upholstery, perfect condition including glass. Gossy 295-2575  
IECO, late model super handling package(Competition springs, front & rear anti-roll bar, rear lower control arm brackets, all instructions) used for one month. Paid \$244 +\$30 shipping. Offers to Don Hosac 339-7407

Corvair treasure hunt: Sates heard, by way of the grapevine, that there is a black, late model, with a shot cross-member, up for sale for \$600. Supposedly the gentleman has sunk many \$\$ into it. Don't know name or phone #. Here's the map! CHARGE!



WANTED Set of wire hubcaps. Ivan Clever 645-1051

THIS & THAT

Our good friends, C & X Sports Car Club are holding a rally this Sunday in the Monroeville area. It will be a short time, speed, distance rally. Dial 688-CARS for details.

I am pleased to announce that good old Al Thomas, of U.S. Training Center fame has been officially added to the CORSA mailing list. We'll have you driving a Vair again in no time at all, Al!

Bill Artsberger will probably be entering his beautiful Corvair powered Avenger in the Big Civic Arena car show, coming up March 5, 6, 7th. Try to attend and give Bill your Peoples' Choice vote. You will be surprised by the number of Vair powered machines. Needless to say, sign up some of these people while you are there.

P.S. Yes, Bill has promised that the Avenger will be available on June 13.