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The Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club
Newsletter

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"NEW PROCEDURE"

Corso renewals will no longer be handled through the WPCU treasurer. When your CORSA renewal arrives in the mail, fill it out and send it to CORSA, along with a \$12 check, payable to CORSA. The \$2 chapter discount has been discontinued. New members will receive a CORSA application form from the WPCU treasurer.

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Joe Buffer, 523-4501 Jim Stokes, 865-0998 Al Friend - Carryover as past
president

1. OUR NEXT MEETING

The May meeting will be held at 8 PM on Tuesday May 23 at the 2nd Federal Savings & Loan in Monroeville. (See map).

I guess that you could say that this will be the most important meeting of the year, since it is the last one prior to Steel City Concours III. Tops on the agenda, obviously will be the concours. Please do your very best to attend, needless to say, we need a good turnout in order to make definite final assignments. Without judging, this will truly be a relaxing, fun show for everyone, even the host members. We just saw how crockily our beautiful W. Venetburg show went. Basically, we will need people Friday evening to act as hosts; all day Saturday for set up and WPCU people to fill up the chartered bus, if necessary. Certainly everybody will want to make the cocktail party to see & hear Ed Elord's fantastic classic & antique car slide presentation. Again this year we will provide guards for the concours area, both Friday & Saturday nights. Same deal as last year, whoever is nice enough to do it gets last years dues paid by the club. How about it, you guys with vans!!! On Sunday, everyone should be at the Sheraton by 7 AM, 8 AM at the very latest.

Committee chairman are pretty much like last year: Wayne Jones & Joe Buffer for car registration; Walt Moore & Ivan Clever - Flea rkt; The Murphy's - public admissions; Bob Smith & Carolyn Sullivan - cash control; Hazel Moore & Sandy Burrows - people's choice; Dave Patyonic & Sam Rawson - basic setup; Al Friend - general trouble shooter. All of these people will need help, determine where you would like to work, we will be asking you at the meeting.

We will also be discussing upcoming events of other chapters, our June 4 tour of the beautiful Laurel Highlands. If you can't make the Revival IV in Cincinnati, and our president has promised to bring a large poster board with all of our tentative newsletter names, so we can pick one. At the last meeting, the members authorized Mike Sullivan to buy one case of '44 IF plugs. We will put a price on them at this meeting and either sell them or take orders. If you want some discontinued '44 IF's you had better be at this meeting!!!

"Let's Make This Our Biggest & Best Year!"

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2. OUR NEXT EVENT SUNDAY JUNE 4 THE LAUREL MOUNTAINS IN FULL BLOOM

Our next event will be on June 4 (Sunday). Again let me say, however, that we would rather have as many masters as possible attend Cincinnati's Revival IV, the day before, if possible. I will have application form at the meeting for Vacationland's May 20 - 21 event, the May 25 - 26 Texas Roundup, & the June 3 Revival IV. Please, please, consider any or all of these near at hand events. These clubs support us; we should support them!!! ALSO, I WILL HAVE PACKETS FOR THE JUN 2-4 VACATIONLAND EVENT.

At any rate, Arch & Alice Miller have really worked up a great Sunday event for us. Plan to arrive at the Howard Johnson's parking lot in Marysville, at 9:00 or so, for a 10 AM departure. The folks coming from the west on the turnpike need not exit at Marysville, you might as well wait for the caravan on the bars, just east of the Marysville entry ramp. Folks to the east of Pittsburgh can pick up the co-way anywhere along the pike or meet us all at the Laurel Highlands Inn parking lot near the Donegal exit. Arch & Alice have planned an 11:30 AM departure from the Laurel Highlands Inn. We will then drive through some of the most scenic country in western Pennsylvania, through a quaint covered bridge, ending up on the top of Mt. Davis, the highest spot in the Keystone state. Here we can climb a tower for a fantastic view, and also break for lunch. BRING YOUR OWN BOX OR SAILET LUNCH. Bring a Fair that is in good running condition, since you will be eating lunch at 3,213 feet above sea level!!

Next on the agenda will be another beautiful drive through the mountains, ending at Seven Springs, the world famous western Pa. ski resort. Here you can walk around, have a drink, watch the trout in the pond, or be brave and take the chair lift to the top of the mountain and ride down on the Alpine Slide. Carole & I have already done this and let me tell you, IT IS FUN. Arch has also arranged for special group rates. After an hour or so at Seven Springs, everyone should have built up another appetite. A short drive will then bring us back to The Laurel Highlands Inn for a fantastic buffet dinner..

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3. THE W. LEECHBURG SHOW

The show was simply great, there is no other word for it! So many sharp Corvairs and antiques, and such a relaxing atmosphere, with no judging. The turnout of members was more than any club could expect, and as Carolyn Sullivan stated, everyone just pitched in automatically - W.F.C.C. you are truly something special!!!

The participant's choice voting ended up in a tie between three beautiful Corvairs - Dick Breier's green '63 convertible, Bob Helderbaum's black '63 convertible, and Jim Artzberger's '66 "Tiger" coupe. Since we only had one Corvair trophy, Grump Jones pulled Dick Breier's name out of a hat. The above three gentlemen wish to express their sincere thanks for being fit to vote for their cars, and Dick asked me to express his thanks to young Grump for pulling out his name.

The participant's trophy for the antique division went to Jim Weatherington's beautifully prepared '51 Chevy. Many thanks to Jim for bringing his best car to our show. Jim asked me to express his thanks for voting for his Chevy and also his sincere thanks for W.F.C.C.'s support of the Mehoopany Optimist Show last year. More on Jim later in the newsletter.

So many people chipped in at the show, & I would like to mention just a few. I know that I will miss many more who contributed, please forgive me in advance. Ivan Clever worked his heart out for this show, months in advance, and even lived at the Reg. Center in his carper from Thursday until Sunday. This beautiful show would never have occurred without Ivan's efforts. Joe Buffer handled car registrations and lineup like an old pro. Carolyn Sullivan handled the finances, before, during, and after the show like a C.P.A. Others who chipped in above & beyond the call of duty included: Walt Moore, Bob Helderbaum, Elwin Patterson, Theodore Kruse, Wayne Jones, Gib Hancock, Arch & Alice Miller, Dave Falyomic, and Ken Good, who, as usual, operated on little or no sleep, since he was on the night turn shift. Like I said, my apologies to all those that I missed. Above all thanks to the west Leechburg Anniversary committee.

4. The PUFFY CAR - IS BEAUTIFUL!!!!!!

That's right, believe it or not it is finished for all practical purposes. It really looks like a new '65 Monza. JOHN CRIMSON DID AN ABSOLUTE SUPER JOB ON THE BODY WORK & PAINT JOB. WAIT TILL YOU SEE IT, IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY. HEY DANO - THE BEST WAY THAT I CAN THINK OF TO THANK JOHN FOR SAVING THE CLUB OUT LINE HE DID IS TO GIVE HIM SOME BODY OR PAINT WORK. COME ON - WE ALL HAVE A DENT THAT NEEDS FIXED OR A CAR THAT NEEDS PAINTED. JOHN IS LOCATED JUST OUTSIDE OF TREFOOT - GIVE HIM A CALL AT 295-2020.

John Greenwald and Mike Sullivan did an equally good job on the mechanics of the car. Wayne Jones says that he has never seen a Corvair that would start as quickly as this one.

Some of the parts contributions that have not been mentioned prior to today are: The Panels - Interior panels and perfect are resto. Joe Buffer - Axles, Gib Hancock - seat belts, John Coasy & Bill Bevereux - rear grill & other odds & ends, Wayne Jones - radio, Ivan - radial tires, Walt's Body Shop - rustproofing, Ken Good & Bob Helderbaum - wax job, Ed Fazekas, Dave Falyomic, & Gib Hancock - interior work, Carole Friend - I gave away her white Electra-mats!!!

The car is now at Bob Helderbaum's, where he & Joe Buffer will give it final detailing. Since it has been at Bob's Sunoco it has sold 30 tickets, just by sitting there, looking pretty!

MANY PRIZES FOR THE TOP SALESPERSONS:

As you know Rich Leahy has donated two free steak dinners at Purderosa for the top gun. Well here's a worthwhile prize for each of the top ten big guns. RALPH GREEN HAS CONTRIBUTED FREE PASSES FOR TWO TO HIS CHILD MOVIE THEATRE IN SQUIRREL HILL. Thank you Ralph for the tickets, and thank you also for the 60 raffle tickets that you have sold already. Why not express your thanks to Ralph by taking in a movie at the Squirli, located at Murray & Beacon in Squirrel Hill.

This month's TOP TEN are: (from roll) Arch Miller 175, Ivan Clever 140, Lance Safran 100, Joe Buffer 92, Bob Helderbaum, 70, The Friends 70, Ralph Green 60, Ken Good 40, John Graff 40, Mike Moran 40. Thank you to "THE FOF TEAM" and to all of the members who have sold tickets.

5. AN OPEN LETTER TO THE MEMBERS OF W.P.C.C. FROM MEMBER KEN JONES:
 Dear W.P.C.C.,

Your club has been a true "breath of fresh air" during my stay in Pittsburgh. I have accepted a job at Stanford Research Institute back home in California. Your warm reception of this "California Corvair Stranger" was greatly appreciated. Also, your hospitality and assistance with my Monza just leaves me overwhelmed! To all those whom I got to know personally and those who I didn't - what really struck me was that not only are the members "Corvair Freaks", but more importantly GOOD PEOPLE! If any of you are in northern California, anytime, please contact me and my wife for the same kind of hospitality you have shown us.

Thanks again everyone!

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth G. Jones

P.S. I have been a Corva member since it was founded and your club is, by far, the friendly-est. Take care.

Change Ken's address to: 2065 Wakefield Way
 Sacramento, Calif. 95822

.Ken, on behalf of the entire club let me say thank you for one of the nicest letters that I have ever read, and that we are sure going to kiss you, Penny, and the Diva Monza.

I'm sure that you are going to make out very well in future life because, anyone who can get away with bringing a new California bride to Pittsburgh in the middle of our worst winter in history can get away with anything!!! One other thing Ken, would you give a little cheer for the Steelers the next time they have to play in that awful place called Oakland Stadium!! Hope to see you at the national & keep in touch.

6. UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

★ ★ PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND AT LEAST ONE ★ ★

If you would like to W.P.C.C.'s image in a big, big way, please set aside one or more of the following weekends and support a sister chapters event. Believe me, you will enjoy yourself and meet some of the nicest Corvair nuts in the world. WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW! Carole and I attended four last year and enjoyed them all. We are going to represent W.P.C.C. at the national this year, and therefore cannot afford these early chapter events. You are a great bunch of folks who have built a great reputation for our club, but please DON'T BE HESITANT WHEN CHAPTERS ALL AROUND US DESPERATELY NEED OUR SUPPORT. ("IN '78 PARTICIPATE" by Wayne Jones el Presidente!)
 ("IN '78 PARTICIPATE, DANE!!" by your editor!!!!)

May 20 - 21 Ohio Jay Meet III, Bill Hefty Chevrolet, Huron, O. FREE concours & rally.

May 21-22, Midwest, Miss. Vacationland Corvairs, 4327 Edgewater Dr. Vermilion, O. 44689
 We have always been represented at this super event, if you haven't been there in past years do it this year. THE 1-800-2-MEET CALL ME FOR INFO.

May 20 - 21 Long Island Corvair's Spring Thing, Southampton L.I.

May 21 - 22 Corvair Revival, Dallas, Ft. Worth, Tx. A long trip, but a great event!

Jun 3 Cincinnati Revival IV, A real fun, family event by a super chapter. Let's get some W.P.C.C. members over there this year. John Bennett (513)522-0008. I have forms, call me if you need one, & they will be at the meeting.

Jun 2 - 4 Central N.Y. Corvair '78 Reunion, Syracuse is a nice drive from here, how about it somebody. I have an info. pack & will bring it to the meeting. There has always been a lot of N.Y. Vairs at the Steel City Concours' let's return the favor. C.N.Y.C.C. P.O. Box 247, Fayetteville, N.Y. 13066.

Jun 17 - 18 Steel City Concours - If you want to see a lot of out of town Vairs at this one - when you had better get your funds to the chapter!!

Jun 24 - 25 Central Pa. Corvair's Happening in Gettysburg, A really interesting event that includes a convoy through the battlefield & many museums.

Larry Ioder (717)939-5512

July 20 - 22 Corva National Convention, San Diego, Calif. I have complete info. call.
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AUG. 13 Friends of Corvair Fun event. New Phila, O. More info. later.

AUG. 18 - 20 Lime Rock Pk. Lakeville, Conn.

Sep. 2 - 10 Pre-state

Corvair Affair
Columbus, Ohio

This event is sponsored by all of the Maryland chapters, & it was great last year. THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARED IN GROUP CORVAIR'S LAST NEWSLETTER.

I CAN'T THINK OF A BETTER REASON TO ATTEND THE CORVAIR AFFAIR IN SEP.

NEW INFO. LATER.

Steel City Concours III, Monroeville, Pennsylvania (right off the Pennsylvania Turnpike). A delightful weekend as those Group Corvair members who have attended in the past can tell you. This year will be unique in that every car entering the concours will receive a handsome plaque, but there will be no judging. The show will be open to a large admiring public gathered by a massive publicity campaign, so the large showing of Corvairs from the entire east coast and midwest will be great PR for the entire Corvair movement. Last year the red, white, and blue flag-designed late model convertibles owned by the Ohio Shriners were there in full force and made a dazzling display when they hit the road in parade formation with their musical horns playing rousing tunes. The Western Pennsylvania Corvair club is renowned for its hospitality and there are a number of Group Corvair families who look forward to this event from year to year.

Sep. 26 - 27 Hoosier Auto Show & Swap Meet, Indianapolis, Ind. At the regional planning meeting in Columbus it was decided to make this a sort of regional event this year. More info. later, but put it on your calendar.

Late Fall Mad Anthony Corvair concours. Ft. Wayne, Ind.

7. REVIEW OF COMING LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

May 27 - 29 Giant Corvair ~~carcer~~ sale - cars & parts - new & used. Don Arsenault.
1290 Butterwood Dr. Lanedale, Pa. 19446 (215)368-7225.

Jun 4 W.F.C.C. Corvay through the Iowal Highlands. (ONLY IF YOU CAN'T MAKE CINCINNATI OR SYRACUSE).

Jun 17 - 18 Steel City Concours III. WE NEED ALL OF YOU ALL WEEKEND. IT WILL BE A GOOD ONE!

Jun 25 Antique Car Show & Parade, Fillmore, Pa. (near Irwin) 11 AM registration, info. John Heidwiller 563-2045. THIS SHOW IS BEING RUN BY JIM SMATHERINGTON - SO IT WILL BE DONE TO PERFECTION.)

July 2 Antique auto show, New Bethlehem, Pa. Lions Club, our own Isadore Krause for info. (814)275-3938. THEY GO ON, ISADORE IS OUR MOST ACTIVE DISTANT MEMBER. HE MAKES THE LONG DRIVE DOWN HERE FOR NEARLY EVERY EVENT. DON'T YOU THINK THAT WE OWN HIM A HUGE TURNOUT FROM THE CORVAIR CLUB FOR THIS SHOW IN HIS HOMETOWN!!!

Jul. 7 - 9 Pittsburgh Portion Show, Butler Fair Grounds. (412)588-

Jul. 29 - 30 Pa. Oil Region A.A.C.A. Regional Meet, Oil City, Pa. Mrs. Romonic 5829

Sep. 24 Antique & Classic car show & parade, McKeesport,enzie Park, info.

Jim Heatherington 604-9213. AS MENTIONED EARLIER, IF JIM IS IN CHARGE OF A SHOW REST ASSURED THAT IT WILL BE CONDUCTED IN A FIRST CLASS MANNER. IN APPRECIATION FOR OUR PAST SUPPORT, JIM HAS ARRANGED FOR A SPECIAL CLASS FOR CORVAIRS ONLY. When I was a lad growing up in McKeesport, I had a simple chance to learn about caring for an automobile, & how to keep it looking new. You see, my neighbor was an older kid who had more pride in his cars than anybody I have ever met since. It really just dawned on me that my present feelings for our Corvaire are a direct result of living next door to a kid named Jim Heatherington.

NEW MEMBERS

- Dave Loveloy, Fgh. 566-2520. David is a 31 yr. old attorney who owns 2 Vairs. He joined the club at the March meeting. We are hoping that you will help us with incorporation, tax free status, etc. etc. Dave. Welcome aboard.
- Fred Greene, Fgh. 682-7732. Fred is a 65 yr. young mfg. rep. He owns a low mileage 65 cp. Fred is a past owner of several GM dealerships & knows many GM executives personally. He is very enthusiastic & will make a good member.
- Ray Puchler, W. Leechburg, 845-4038. Ray is a 37 yr. old student at Adult Sch. Ctr. Ray helped organize the W. Leechburg show, does not own a Vair, but is looking. Ray was signed up by Ivan Clever.
- Peter Evert, St. Marys (614) 352-2056. Pete & his charming wife drove all the way to the W. Leechburg show, just to arrive after most of the cars had left. They are in their late 20s & own a 65 cp. Pete, you will probably want to belong to the Erie chapter also. Contact John Koslosky at (614) 352-5501.

WHO'S SELLING WHAT FOR HOW MUCH???

- 65 Monza conv. 110/auto. black/red rev top, good tires, body, 42,000mi. \$1500.
Fred Greene 682-7732
- 64 Spyder op. 40,000mi. auto 777 needs bodywork. \$500 Ken Barrell, Greenlawn, 637-2383.
- 62 Monza cp. exc. int. & body. Will sell whole or parts. Ralph Paul 635-8202 ev.
- 66 Corv. green/gold rev. Wh. int. New. hi - perf. eng. esp. headers, wide wheels, etc.
- 67 Monza auto. 2bd. ran int. duals. good condition. \$750/cifor.
- Bism. 65 4dr. 110 & 140 eng. alt, carb, starter, X-member, steering box, shrouds, cyl. 140 heads/10x3:1 comp. Block with 3/4 cap. Jim Brenkus, 745-4133
- 68 Monza, auto. 25,000 mi. new X-member, some ladder rust. Pete Delius 221-1600.
- Complete 65 op. interior, White, very good condition. \$50. R. Schmidt, Fgh. 364-6822 ev.
- New, late op. carpet. blue. Early cone. - top(yar) T. windshield. 65 conv. runs good. body going. Will negotiate. Wayne Jones. 682-2103. (814)255-
- 69 Monza op. 110/auto. n. blue/black 23,000sd. rust. offers. Dr. Dunn, Johnstown 2916.

WHO'S IN THAT

1. Ed Sulter is trying to get a chapter started in W. Va. He is having a picnic etc. this Sunday near Salem W. Va. He has asked for a WPCG representative if possible. If anyone can make it, please call me for directions & info. Our club would be very helpful.
2. Dave Fabrycik has acquired a Vair powered buggy. In its first autocross, Dave & the buggy took 2nd.

fastest time of
the day.

3. Dick Kreier's
63 conv. took a
1st. place at
Finleyville Show.

4. Our White
64 was shown in
the AAA show in
the Civic arena.

5. Bob Holder-
baum needs you &
your conv. for a
huge parade in
Irwin. 863-6286.

6. How about
those beautiful
plaques that
Wayne Jones made.

7. PARTICIPATE
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EX: NARRATED BOAT TOUR AND THREE RIVERS BOAT CRUISE. (CAN YOU NAME THOSE THREE RIVERS???)
DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND - A THREE RIVER BOAT HAS BEEN ADDED.

INTERESTING: CLASSIC & ANTIQUE CAR DRIVE SHOW BY ED BIRD, AUTHOR OF "THE MAGNIFICENT Packard 12 of 1924" AND EDITOR OF "THE PACKARD ILLUSTRATED", BEING SATURDAY EVENING INDIVIDUAL COCKTAIL PARTY.

JUNE 17 & 18, MONROEVILLE, PA (JUST EAST OF PITTSBURGH).
(W.P.C.G. MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE THEIR CONCOURS
APPLICATION FORMS IN THE MAIL).

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