

# VAIR STREET JOURNAL

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVETTE CLUB

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**Tom O'Brien lifts the cover off a shiny black Corvette for visiting members of WPCC on Saturday, May 1. This Corvette is one of 19 cars in his collection. Tom invited WPCC to see the collection which includes Yenko Stinger No. YS-043, acquired from actor Tim Allen. See more beginning on page 4.**

PHOTO BY DON BAKER



*Never Forget 09-11-01*

**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday, July 27, 2010**

North Park Lounge Clubhouse • Route 8,  
1/4 mile north of the Butler PA Turnpike Exit  
Dinner at 6:30 p.m. • Meeting at 7:30 p.m.



## A Quick Look at Upcoming Events for the Next Two Months May thru July

Date	Event	Contact
June 4. . . . .	Wexford Starlite Car Cruise, Wexford.	David Bucklew
June 12. . . . .	Picnic at Stephen's w/ Butler AACA . .	Stephen Puskas
June 21-25 . . .	CORSA Convention, Cedar Rapids, IA .	Don Cekus
July 9-11 . . . .	South Bend, IN Trip w/Butler AACA . .	Stephen Puskas
July 16-25. . . .	Vintage Grand Prix . . . . .	Don Baker
July 17 . . . . .	Quecreek Mine/Flight 93 Memorial . .	Ralph Shearer/Al Friend
July 18 . . . . .	Beaver Run . . . . .	Don Baker
July 21-24. . . .	Buffalo, NY- Tour with AACA . . . . .	Jim Heatherington
July 27 . . . . .	Meeting at North Park Lounge	
July or Aug.?	Erie Wine Country . . . . .	Jim Madden

### Hear Ye, Hear Ye

Gather Ye all to the Peacock Inn on the Mound for the Puskas "P" Picnic

Come all Ye: Vintage Auto Collectors and Patrons of Transportation

Date: Saturday, June 12, 2010

Time: 4:00 p.m. To 8:00 p.m. (Dinner a 5:00 p.m.)

Location: The Stephen Puskas Residence--

221 Green Manor Drive, Butler PA 16002

Phone: 724-284-3721

Ye are asked to bring a Pleasing Platter to Please everyone's Palate beginning with the letter "P"  
(e.g. Pizza, Potato Salad, Pudding, etc.)

Paper Products, Punch and meat will be Provided\*

Preferably Ye should wear a Piece of clothing that begins with the letter "P"  
(e.g. Pedal Pushers, Plaid, Paisley, Pajamas, etc...)

Persuade Ye Peeps, Pals and Partners to Participate

Please use your imagination and join us for the Perfect "P" Picnic with Pizzazz!!!

*\*Don't forget to bring your Personal seating (lawn chair etc.)*

## March 23, 2010 Member Meeting Minutes

### Officers Present:

- Jim Steigerwaldt, *President*
- Don Cekus, *Vice President*
- Jim Heatherington, *Treasurer*
- Pat Greenwald, *Secretary*

### Board members present:

Tim Desmond  
 Al Friend  
 John Gundlach  
 Bob Hieber  
 Jim Madden  
 Steve Puskas  
 Bob Tedesco  
 Charles Lucas, Newsletter editor

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Steigerwaldt.

The minutes of the November and January meetings were approved as printed in the newsletter. The minutes of the February 13th board meeting will be printed in the next newsletter.

The treasurer reported that after income from dues and expenses for the newsletter and a \$200 donation to CORSA in memory of Donna Mae Mims, the checkbook balance is \$2664.50. There are currently 43 members and five remain unpaid from last year's roster.

The president reviewed a tentative schedule of events for 2010.

Date	Event	Contact
March 28	Meyersdale Maple Festival	Don Baker
Due to the this past winter's snow there was difficulty collecting sap for the syrup. The car show is still on.		
April 23-25	Springfest in Helen, Georgia	Don Cekus
Don currently has four people going. He expects to see lots of vendors there.		
April 27	Tom O'Brien's in Sewickley	Jim Steigerwaldt
Tentative date to see his car collection including two Yenko Stingers.		
May 16-22	Sevierville, TN Tour	Jim Heatherington/Don Cekus
Tour is run by Vintage Chevrolet Car Assoc. Cekuses & Tedescos are going.		
May 25	Meeting at King's in Wexford	
June 4	Wexford Car Cruise	Dave Bucklew

Corvairs are one of the features cars

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June 12	Picnic	Steve Puskas
Join with the Antique Car Club (Butler region)		
June 21-25	CORSA Convention	Don Cekus
July 16-25	Vintage Grand Prix	
July 17	Quecreek Mine – Flight 93 Memorial	Ralph Shearer/Al Friend
July 18	Beaver Run	Don Baker
July 21-24	AACA Tour	Jim Heatherington
Join with the AACA for a tour out of Buffalo, NY.		
July 27	Meeting at North Park Lounge	
August 3	Blueberry Trip	Tim Desmond
August ?	Victory Hill Car Show	Don Cekus
August 14	National Pike Steam, Gas & Horse	Pat Greenwald
August 15-18	AACA Tour	Jim Heatherington
Join with the AACA for a tour out of the Oil City area.		
September?	Picnic	John Gundlach
September 28	Meeting at King's in Wexford	
October?	Covered Bridge Tour	Bob Hieber
November 23	Meeting at North Park Lounge	
January 9, 2011	Holiday Party/Meeting @Grant's Bar	Jim Steigerwaldt

Jim welcomed Scott and Chris Higinbotham from the National Pike Steam Gas & Horse Association. They passed out information and spoke about the activities at their show near Brownsville in August. Don Cekus reported that Vince Duva continues to recover from his serious accident in Florida. The Duvas are expected to return north in April.

Earl Goehring won \$21.00 in the 50/50 raffle.

Respectively submitted,



Pat Greenwald

## CORSA—Opinion from Behind the Wheel

In the previous issue of the *Vair Street Journal* we reprinted opinions expressed by two CORSA directors concerning the current state of CORSA. These opinions originally appeared in the December 2009 and February 2010, *Director's Turn at the Wheel* of the *CORSA Communique*. CORSA, in its present state, has reached a point where it must change. You should be aware of those changes as they begin to unfold. In this issue of the *Vair Street Journal*, we are publishing from the March 2010, *CORSA Communique*, the opinion of George Jones, as it appeared in the *Director's Turn at the Wheel*. Here's your chance to be better informed. Please see page 6.



On May 1, thanks to Don Baker, our club had a marvelous day trip to beautiful Sewickley Heights and a dazzling collection of cars. First we met at the Eat'nPark in Edgeworth and then Don led us onto Route 65-N for a bit before turning up hill to the Heights. This historic area has been home to some of the wealthiest and most influential families in Pittsburgh history.



## WPCC MEMBERS ARE AWED BY TOM O'BRIEN'S COLLECTION OF BEAUTIFUL AUTOMOBILES

Many thanks go to **Don Baker** for the photos used in this article and to **Suzanne Heatherington** for writing the copy. Thank you!



With Yenko Stinger YS-043 in the foreground, WPCC members and Tom O'Brien pose for the camera. L - R: Jim Steigerwaldt, Jim & Suzanne Heatherington, Jan & Dave Fabyonic, Tim Desmond, Les Walter, Don & Mary Ellen Cekus, Jim Madden, Dave Bucklew, Polly & Bob Tedesco, Tom O'Brien, Greg Wilson, Bill Clapper, Ed Clapper, Bill Artzberger and Don Baker. Doing the honors, behind the camera for this picture, was Dick Bennett, friend of Don Baker.

Up we climbed to the top of the Heights and (after only one wrong turn) we were at the magnificent home of Tom O'Brien, Don Baker's friend. There was plenty of room in the circular drive for all our cars to park and admire the Romanesque residence. (Actually, I'm lying about that. I have no clue about architecture, but it sounds good.) From the front of the house, one could see a triple garage, but



Host, Tom O'Brien left, talks with Dick Bennett about the blue drag machine before them.

when those doors opened, it proved to be even roomier than that. Mr. O'Brien's garage floors are spotless (was that wall-to-wall carpeting in there?) and the cars are covered as carefully as a newborn babe. The ladies were all very impressed with the grounds, which are understatedly elegant. Wonderful plantings, sculptures, gardens, etc. This home is not only lovely, but it appears to have been designed for a family to enjoy.



How about the hood scoop on this wild looking Corvette? Does this car look like it could burn the asphalt right off the track, or what? That's Don Cekus on the left talking to our gracious host, Tom O'Brien.



Jim Heatherington and Bill Clapper admire this beautiful bright yellow Camaro

This was a delightful day for touring, and we might only wish that more members had been able to participate and see the spectacular collection of racing cars that Mr. O'Brien has assembled. It was generous of him to welcome our club to his home, and we are grateful. Thanks very much to Don Baker for arranging this fantastic day.

While Jan Fabyonic and I sat under the trees and enjoyed the view and the breeze, the guys all toured the car collection. Jan and I wondered where everyone had disappeared to, then found out there was another, larger garage down around the back of the house which housed the main collection. These Corvairs, Corvettes and Camaros are to die for, we were told, and to give credence to that, Don Baker took many, many photos, some of which, appear in this issue. (I have it on good authority that Don himself appears in one of the photos. Honest).



Jim Madden, checks out the engine in this Corvette, while Greg Wilson is seen in front of the Texaco sign and Bill Artzberger is at right

## COMING UP

Dwayne Cekus sent me an e-mail reminder about the:

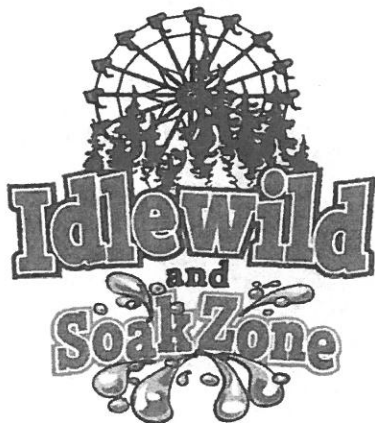
# Victory Hill Car Show

Saturday August 7, 2010  
from 10 a.m. till 3 p.m. at the  
Victory Hill Social Club  
29 Jones Lane  
Monongahela, Pa 15063



As in past years, there will be food, music, beverages and "half the take". Dash plaques and trophies will be awarded. If you has any questions you can contact Dwayne at 724-258-7778

## COMING UP



## 59th Old Fashioned Days at Idlewild Park Week of July 19 – 23, 2010

For admittance, vehicles must be in quality condition, at least 15 years old and/or registered as an antique or classic. Enter Idlewild's main entrance (gates open a 10:30 a.m.) and proceed to gate 2 to register your vehicle. Free admission will be limited to two per vehicle and includes park rides and attractions.

Although complete details have not been published at this time, you can learn more about Old Fashioned Days by calling Idlewild Group Sales at 724-238-6784.

## The Time Is Now

Opinion expressed by George Jones in the March 2010, *CORSA Communique*

It's been a little over six months since I was elected to the Board of Directors, and I can honestly say it's been an eventful six months. For the first five months, it was hard to even schedule a meeting, let alone make changes to preserve CORSA for the future. At that point, I must confess that I contemplated submitting my resignation because I thought there was no saving CORSA. In the span of those six months, the Board has changed. Not just the members, but the

attitude and the desire to make sure CORSA is there for the group of individuals who are willing to take on the challenge of trying to satisfy everyone.

Speaking of trying to satisfy everyone, if you subscribe to Virtual Vairs, you've no doubt noticed how large a challenge that can be. There's been quite a lot of "discussion" about how to promote CORSA and attract new members as well as requiring 100 percent of the chapter members to

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become CORSA members. So far, Central Division Director Jamie Reinhart has introduced one proposal (outlined in last month's Directors Turn at the Wheel) that calls for three membership levels, one for basic membership with no *Communique*, a mid level membership with electronic delivery of the *Communique*, and the third membership level consisting of a printed copy of the newsletter. Each membership level would have a different level of dues as well. While this does not require 100% of the chapter members to be CORSA members, it does encourage chapter members who can't afford the full dues, an option to join CORSA for a lesser price.

Another option that I have introduced would eventually lead to 100% CORSA membership. All new chapter members would be required to become CORSA members, but if you are currently a chapter member who is not a CORSA member, then you would not be required to become a CORSA member unless your chapter membership lapses, then you would be treated as a new member and be required to join CORSA. Chapter members who are currently CORSA members would be required to maintain their CORSA membership for as long

as they are chapter members. Additionally, adjustments in the dues would be made based upon the method of delivery for the *Communique*, but this would be handled as a separate topic once the membership issue is resolved. The Board is preparing to tackle this issue so please, if you're passionate about CORSA, contact your Directors and let them know your thoughts on the subject.

On another front, CORSA is in the beginning stages of revamping the CORSA web site. We're in the process of getting quotes from external sources for developing and maintaining a much more robust web presence. A number of ideas are being considered to add functionality, improve timeliness of the content, and make navigating the site much more intuitive. Again, if you have any ideas or recommendations on this topic, pick up the phone or send an e-mail to your Directors.

We've got some new, and young blood on the Board and the motivation seems to be there to make the necessary changes. The time for hard decision is here, and with your input and guidance, I'm sure the Board will make the right decisions.

