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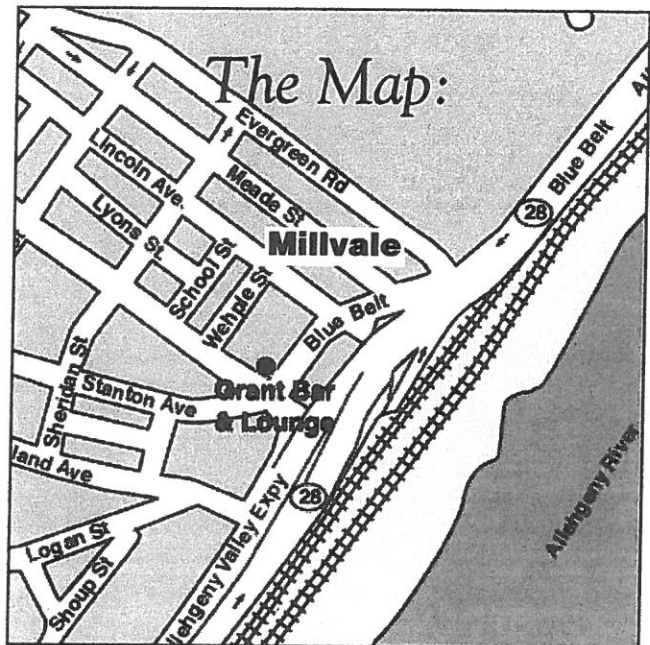
Holiday Party-January 6, 2008

at the Grant Bar & Lounge

114 Grant Street, Millvale, PA 15209

The Prez Sez

Don't miss this year's party on January 6, 2008 at the Grant Bar & Lounge in Millvale. The party will start at **2:30 p.m.** with a Chinese auction followed by **dinner at 5:00.** After dinner, we will have our gift exchange. **The cost of dinner per person is \$20. Please make checks payable to WPCC** and send them to Don Cekus at his home address, listed on page 7 in this *Vair Street Journal*. You will order your entree there from a selection of four choices. There will also be a cash bar. We look forward to seeing everyone there. This is always such a fun party!



The Menu:

A choice of one of the following:

- Soup
- Onion Rings
- Salad

A choice of one of the following Entrees:

- Marinated Steak
- Shrimp
- Cod Almandine
- Breaded Pork Chops

Your Dinner also Includes:

Baked Potato, Vegetable,
Strawberry Short Cake

CHINESE AUCTION—Anything you care to donate to the club. Tickets are sold for the items with one ticket drawn for each item. The proceeds go to the WPCC.

GIFT EXCHANGE—If you care to be in the gift exchange, bring a \$10 gift, wrapped and marked for a *Man* or a *Woman*, or if the gift is appropriate for either sex, please mark it *Either*. Everyone receives a number. When your number is called you get to select a gift. If you wish, you can trade your gift for someone else's gift. You may keep your gift if you like it and hope that another person doesn't take it later on. This is lots of fun.—DON CEKUS, PREZ

A Great Day in Saxonburg

There's no question that the weather was less than festival or picnic quality, but the rain and soggy ground did nothing to dampen anyone's spirits. Parking spaces in and around Saxonburg were practically non-existent, and since there was a slight drizzle, I dropped Sarah off (she hates umbrellas) at the City Park, telling her I'd return if I succeeded in finding a parking space.



Two young boys belt out "Ain't she sweet", accompanied by the Pittsburgh Banjo Club at Saxonburg's City Park

When I joined up with my bride, fifteen minutes later, we were greeted to the sounds of banjo music as we entered the park. We're fans of banjo music, and having heard the Pittsburgh Banjo Club several times before, we were pleasantly surprised to hear the group playing now at the Saxonburg Arts Festival. As we sallied up to



It's tough to pass up a sign that's reminiscent of by-gone days

close range, two boys, microphones in hand, sang a couple of barbershop tunes from early 20th century.

After checking out the (not exactly small) model of the Brooklyn Bridge we found Don and Mary Ellen Cekus, along with Pat Greenwald and John

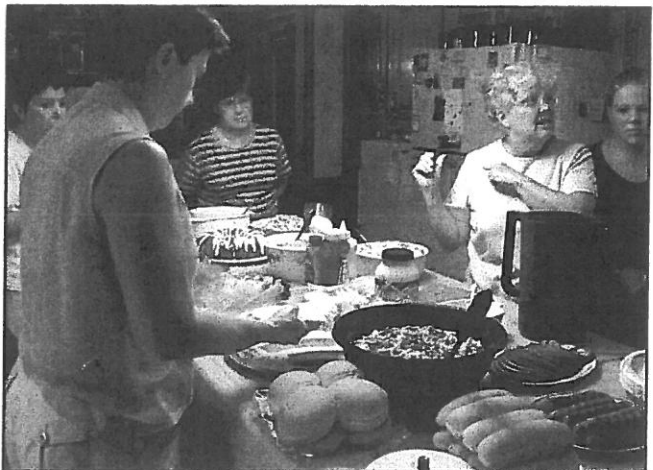
Gundlach. Don had taken shelter under his umbrella, from which he had hanging, a battery-powered radio that allowed him to listen to the Pittsburgh Steeler



L to R: Sarah Lucas, Pat Greenwald, Don Cekus, Mary Ellen Cekus and John Gundlach. Please note the "football" radio hanging from Don's umbrella

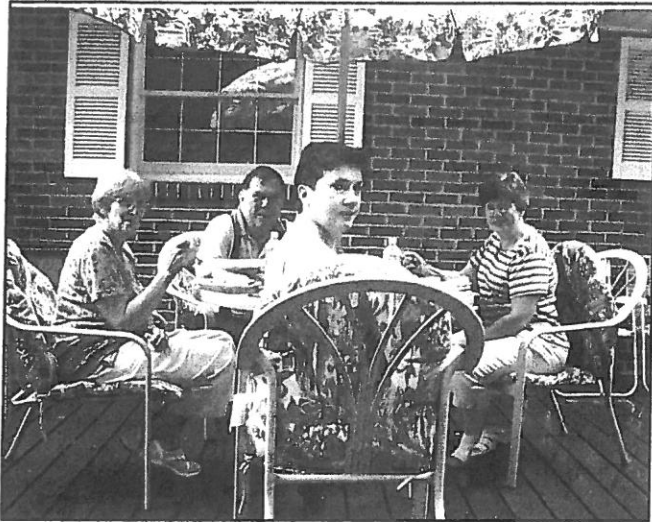
football game. I guess the Black and Gold come first no matter what else is happening.

We left the football junkie and friends and walked up to the lovely church where the "ART" part of the Arts Festival was housed. In the church basement were hung many, many beautiful pieces of creative art done in various media along with original photographic prints displayed on tables. I was very impressed by the quality of the work exhibited there.



L to R: Michelle Desmond, Mary Ellen Cekus, Pat Greenwald, Gayle Gundlach and Laura Gundlach ready the picnic supper

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L to R: Jan and Dave Fabyonic, Mary Ellen Cekus and Pat Greenwald enjoy the Picnic supper on Gundlach's deck. Please note that a portable radio is not hanging from the umbrella

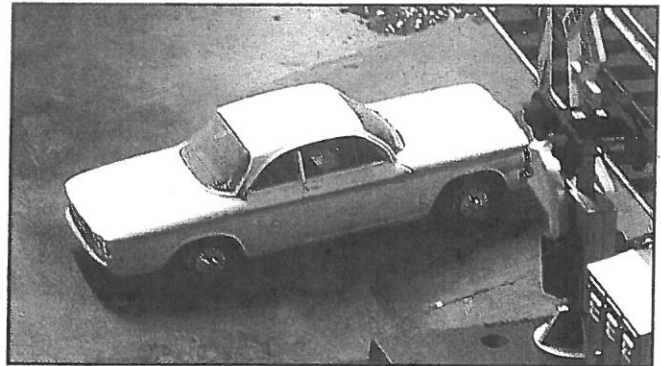
Because of the less than perfect weather, the car cruise was breaking up by the time we arrived at that station.

Our next stop was 228 Mckay Road, residence of John, Gayle and Laura Gundlach, who were hosting the picnic that day. They have a lovely home in a beautiful four acre setting.

After our picnic feast John took us down to his basement where he has a fabulous 'O' gauge train layout with kit and scratch built structures and many scale miles of track. The walls of the room are covered with model trains from floor to ceiling. Train lanterns and other railroad memorabilia, also called



John Gundlach, second from the left answers questions, from, L to R: Sarah Lucas, Jan and Dave Fabyonic, Paul Wardoclip, Stephen Puskas and Lois Wardoclip, about his 12' x 12' model train layout



One of several miniature Corvairs on John's 'O' gauge train layout proceeds to cross the railroad tracks after a train passes

railroadiana, adorn the room.

From the train room we went outside and into John's huge garage where his award winning Corvairs



The Desmonds, Matt, Tim, Michelle and Chris gaze in amazement at John's incredible train layout

were sleeping—two early convertibles, a Rampside and a late model convertible. Wow, what a line up!

As our tour drew to a close and it was nearly time to leave, I noticed a tractor next to the garage which just happened to be Laura's. I couldn't resist taking a picture with Laura on board.

It was a grand day at the Saxonburg Arts Festival with great food, hospitality and interesting things to see at the home of John, Gale and Laura Gundlach. Thank you very much!



Laura and her 1943 Farmall tractor

Unmasked at Last...

Hey, we know them. They're Corvair Racing Team!

WPCC goes to the Drags

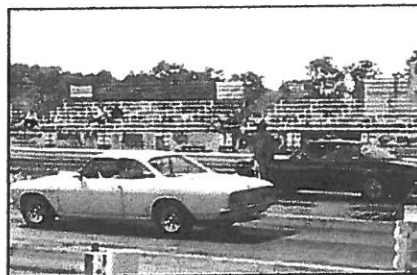
Story and pictures
by Heidi Madden

On a cool, but beautiful September Sunday morning, a pack of Corvair enthusiasts headed for Pittsburgh Raceway Park in New Alexandria at the invitation of owners Bob and Polly Tedesco. Bob and Polly invited the club members to bring their cars out and drag race against each other.

A caravan from North Hills included Don and Mary Ellen Cekus with their 1965 pearl-white automatic 140 four door and their 1965 140 4-speed, red convertible driven by Corvair friend, Paul Washington. Ken and Dwayne Cekus (father and son) driving their two 1965 coupes as well as Steve Puskas in his 1965 automatic 110 coupe, headed toward New Alexandria with each of the drivers having enthusiasm and hope of returning the winner! Jim and Heidi Madden met the group driving their red 1965 automatic 140 convertible and their white 4-speed 1966 140 Corsa. Pat Greenwald had driven her 1965 4-speed 140 Corsa Coupe; unfortunately she encountered trouble and was not able to make the races.



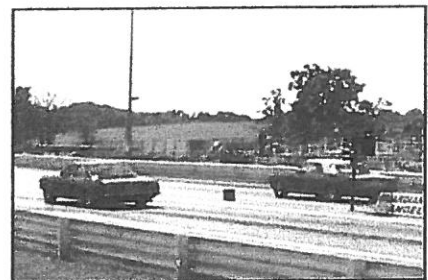
Front row: Heidi Madden, Bob Tedesco, Don Cekus, Steve Puskas, Mary Ellen Cekus.
Back row: Jim Madden, Paul Washington, Dwayne Cekus, Ken Cekus



Jim Madden and Dwayne Cekus
leave the line

As we pulled into the pits, you could feel the excitement and anticipation of trying something most of us had never been able to experience.

We spotted Bob Tedesco's pristine 1967 coupe (the odometer



Dwayne Cekus versus Paul Washington
in Don Cekus' Car

reads only 13,000 miles) parked in a spot where all the cars could be staged for racing. Our hosts provided a lunch of soft drinks and fresh baked pizzas for the drivers and families. Then off to racing!

Our president and leader of the club, Don Cekus designated who should face who in the first time trial qualifications, based upon transmission and engine size. The second time trails were based upon each of the cars quarter mile times. It was then time for the actual drag racing. Each



The drivers, Bob Tedesco, Dwayne Cekus, Ken Cekus,
Don Cekus and Stephen Puskas, check their times

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Bob Tedesco and Dwayne Cekus duke it out on the strip

member had an identifying number assigned. The number and the car's best time were written on the windshield and side window so the tower could identify and record each car's times. The group then assigned racing partners by qualifying times. And off to the staging area we went!

After the first round of racing, three of the drivers lost due to BEATING their own qualification

times. Then there were four cars, Ken Cekus, Steve Puskas, Dwayne Cekus and Bob Tedesco. There were two more drag races to go; Steve versus Ken and Dwayne versus Bob. It all came down to Bob Tedesco versus Ken Cekus.

The big winner was Bob Tedesco (ironic how the raceway's owner won?).

Fastest time recorded was held by Jim Madden in his 1966 Corsa

at 18.136 seconds and the fastest speed of the day was held by Don Cekus in his 1965 four door at 75.7 miles per hour.

Every car enthusiast dreams of racing their car and this was an experience that most of us will not forget. It just goes to show that these little cars still have guts!

My thanks to Heidi Madden for the fine article and photos.

Luke



And Bob Tedesco WINS!

For Sale

- **1966 Monza 110 coupe**, blue, very good condition—\$5000 OBO.
- **1965 red Monza convertible**. Needs some reassembly—\$3000 OBO. **Carol Graff 724-733-7645**

- **Factory A/C for late model Corvair**. Buy it now before eBay gets it. Also lots of new and used parts. Call for needs.
- Forced to sell my mint, mint, mint trophy winning **1986 Chrysler LeBaron Town and Country**, Mark Cross edition turbo charged convertible with digital dash and every other conceivable option

plus original window sticker and build sheet. A real "fun car to drive at thirty miles per gallon"—without exaggeration!!! Only one of 24 known to be registered. Only 505 ever made. No price will be given by phone—come and see it—price will be very reasonable. Phone: **Bill Artzberger 412-364-6842**

Just in case you were wondering about:

An Important Message from the Editor

in the last issue of the Journal

If you compared last issues' Roster of Members with the one in this issue, you would find that there are five new e-mail addresses. That's 57% as compared with 46%. We're making progress. What follows is a very interesting e-mail that I received as a result of the "Important Message".

Luke:

I, for one, would support an electronic copy of the newsletter, plus reminders as you see fit. I suffer from CRS (Can't Remember Sh*t) and appreciate those reminders. I also belong to Corvanatics, and receive their beautiful COLOR newsletter on the web. Their snail-mail ver-

sion is monochrome. I print my hardcopy myself. I have several email accounts, and use the most public one for the WPCC roster, so privacy is not an issue for me, but thanks for being so considerate.

Wait Matenkosky

Minutes of the November 27, 2007 WPCC Member Meeting

Officers Present:

- President, Don Cekus
- Vice President, Jim Steigerwaldt
- Secretary, Pat Greenwald.

Board members present:

- Tim Desmond
- John Gundlach
- Jim Heatherington
- Bob Hieber
- Steve Puskas
- Journal editor, Charles Lucas

The meeting was called to order by President, Don Cekus. The minutes of the September 25th meeting were approved as printed.

The treasurer's report was read and approved. The balance is \$2,375.78.

Don introduced new members Vince and Louise Duwa of Butler County.

Don thanked Tim Desmond for planning the blueberry trip last summer and Bob Tedesco for the day at the drags.

Cards were passed around for Irene Artzberger, Clare

Costantino, and Letty Buccigrossi. Our best wishes to all of them.

It was great to see Les Walter looking so good and able to make it to the meeting,

Bob Hieber had tickets for a 1964 Corvair convertible being raffled by the Tidewater club.

Don reported that he and his brother, Ken, attended the Fall Corvair Affair in Charlotte in October. Things did not go well on the trip down because a wheel bearing went bad. But Don pulled a spare axle out of the van and was back on the road in 40 minutes. How many people carry a spare axle with them?

Don discussed the arrangements for the January 6th party at the Grant Bar & Lounge in Millvale. **A minimum of 40 people is required** for the room so members are encouraged to attend and bring the family and/or guests. The club will provide the hors d'oeuvres and subsidize part of the meal cost, bringing it to \$20 per person. Arrival time is 2:30

and we will start with the Chinese auction. This is a chance to donate some things from home that you don't use any more. Proceeds go to the club treasury. Dinner will follow with guests choosing from a limited menu; steak, shrimp, cod or pork chops. Following dinner we will have the gift exchange. Bring a gift valued at about \$10.00.

Don baker agreed to be the nominating committee (of one) for the 2008 officers. Suzanne Heatherington encouraged members to step up and take part.

Jim Heatherington suggested that members send their dues directly to treasurer, Dwayne Cekus.

Jim Steigerwaldt won \$15.00 in the 50/50 raffle.

The next meeting will be at the party on January 6th, 2008 at The Grant Bar in Millvale.

Respectfully submitted,



Pat Greenwald, secretary

For Sale

1998 Saturn SL-2

- 97,000 miles (non wimpy)
- Tires worn out
- Radiator leak
- Oil leak
- Bumpers well used
- Like to get \$2,000

Don Baker
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Get well wishes

On November 13, I received an e-mail that read:

*Hi Luke,
I just found out that Clare Costantino is at home recovering from a heart attack. She is doing fine and John is having a hard time making her take it easy!*

Al Friend

We wish her well.

We have also learned that Letty Buccigrossi is again fighting the effects of her leukemia. We wish her well so that we may once again enjoy her presence at meetings and events.

Our thoughts are also with Irene and Bill Artzberger as they continue to go through this very difficult time in their lives.

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42	Steigerwaldt, James & Diane	506 Quail Drive, Cranberry Twp, PA 16066-4074	724-776-0935	
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Next Meeting

Sunday, January 6, 2008

for the Holiday Banquet at Grants' Bar in Millvale

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*Seasons Greetings
from the officers
and board mem -
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