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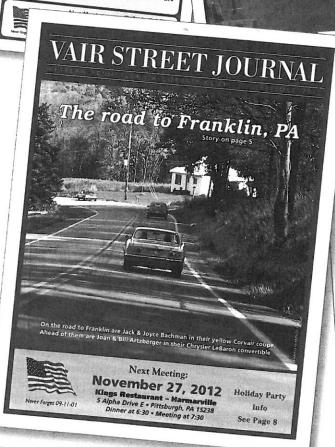
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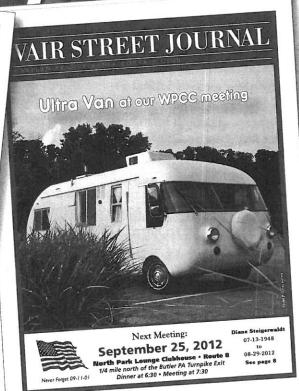
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Summer...the perfect time for
Corvairing

We've covered another year







Never Forget 09-11-01

Next Meeting:

**January 13, 2013** 

**Grant Bar & Lounge** 

114 Grant Street • Millvale, PA 15209 The fun begins at 2:30 Read about the exciting Fall 2013 trip to Dayton, Ohio, on pages 3 and 4

### November 27, 2012 Meeting Minutes

#### **Officers Present:**

John Gundlach Jim Steigerwaldt, Vice President, Pat Greenwald, Secretary Jim Heatherington, Treasurer

#### **Board Members Present:**

Don Cekus Bob Hieber Steve Puskas Jim Madden Charles Lucas, Journal Editor

The meeting was called to order by President John Gundlach.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Jim Heatherington's treasurer's report showed a current balance of \$2,900.51. Jim announced that due to a typo, the September balance was incorrect and should have been reported as \$2844.66.

Jim Madden reported that plans for the January 13th party at Grant's bar in Millvale are set and the price remains the same as previous years, \$20.00 per person. Make checks payable to WPCC and send to Jim at 323 Stanton Ave., Pittsburgh 15209.

With a motion by Jim Heatherington, a second by Don Cekus, and a vote of the members present, it was approved that the club will subsidize the cost above \$20.00 and pay for the hors-d'oeuvres.

John passed around a thank you note received from the DeBence people after our visit.

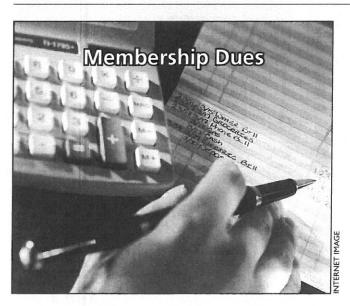
Don Cekus relayed some information from Al Friend about the trip to Wright Patterson Air Force Base, October 4-6, 2013. Departure will be Friday morning, arriving in time for lunch. We will be included with the Air Force reunion people for some of the weekend events. A show of hands indicated the members interest in this event.

John passed around a menu from the Walnut Grove and suggested it as a possible alternate meeting place. The restaurant has locations in Fox Chapel and Wexford. This issue will be discussed further at the party.

Don Baker accepted the duties of nominating committee chairman. Elections will take place at the January party.

Respectively submitted,

Pat Greenwald



Jim Heatherington wants to remind members that 2013 dues *are due by December 31, 2012*. If you have not yet done so, please send your check promptly.

Dues are \$12.00/year. Jim would like to have the dues taken care of before the Holiday Party, so please make your check payable to WPCC and mail it today to:

Jim Heatherington, Treasurer 128 Sharp Road White Oak, PA 15131

Thank you.

### Wright Patterson-Dayton, Ohio trip

by Al Friend



Friday thru Sunday October 4, 5, 6, 2013

### **Event Coordinator:** Al Friend

This is an early preview of the still evolving Western PA AACA and Corvair Club's Dayton, Ohio tour to visit the NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, the WRIGHT BROTHERS MEMORIAL and your choice of many other attractions. There's also an old car tour like no other that I'm aware of!

#### Friday, October 4

We will depart for a leisurely drive to Dayton, Ohio, from Exit 6 (Claysville) on I-70, after a meet and greet breakfast at the Huddle House restaurant. The Huddle House is part of the Petro Shopping Center, right at the Claysville exit. It is actually an overnight truckers stop, that also includes a Subway, and a Sunoco station. I have reserved



An aerial view of the National Museum of the United States Air Force at the Wright Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio



their private room from 8:00 to 10:30 AM. on Friday. Our folks can also take a sandwich from Subway with them, and top off their gas tanks, if needed.

### Arrival at Wright Patterson

Check in at the fabulous Hope Hotel (named after beloved comedian Bob Hope) at gate 12A of Wright Patterson Air Force Base. Enjoy old car and war stories in our complementary hospitality suite.

Back to our rooms to freshen up for, what I hope will be one of the most memorable banquets of our lives! It will be a joint event with the reunion of my first B-52 outfit - the 26th Bomb Squadron, of Altus AFB, Oklahoma. It will include an opening flag ceremony, a military band, delicious food, and Western PA AACA member Ron Horak as the key note speaker. Ron, who drives a beautiful red Corvette, recently retired as an FAA inspector.

Ron and his partner were the first inspectors on the scene of the crash of UNITED FLIGHT 93, near SHANKSVILLE on 9/11/2001.

Ron's insights, power point presentation, impressions, emotions, and, above all questions and discussions with my fellow aviators from the 26th should be monumental!

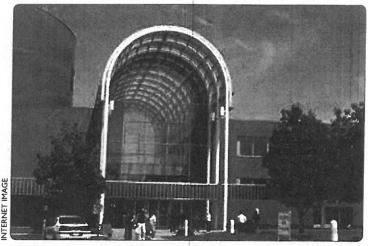
#### Saturday, October 5

We will start off with a wonderful breakfast buffet (complementary with your room). continued on p 4

### Wright Patterson-Dayton, Ohio trip

Then off on our ten minute drive to the huge Air Force Museum for an introductory guided tour of the museum. Then we will explore the museum at our own pace, lunch on our own at the second floor cafeteria, enjoy the huge gift shop, the IMAX theater, and of course the hundreds of aircraft, space vehicles, exhibits, etc.

Be sure to sign up early for the shuttle bus over to the annex to see the experimental aircraft and the presidential aircraft collection, including the Air Force One that brought JFK back from Dallas. Drive back to the hotel to rest up for our cook out, and more exciting old car and war stories in our hospitality suite.



Entrance to the National Museum of the United States Air Force

### Sunday, October 5

Another wonderful complementary breakfast buffet. Final freshen up in the room, check out, and off for our five minute drive to the Wright Brothers Memorial and visitors

center. Then your choice of back to the Museum (that's where I'm going), or many other Dayton attractions that I will tell you about in future newsletter Al Friend



Some of the beautiful aircraft that you'll see inside the Air Force Museum

### **Long Story**

### The short of it

by Charles Lucas

When I started to write this, it was because I thought it might be a good opportunity to publish a couple of the photos that never appeared in previous issues of the Vair Street Journal. As so often can happen, I sort of got a little carried away with the copy that follows, but I do hope you enjoy these few photos.

Designing and editing the Vair Street Journal is a lot of fun for me...most of the time. It's fun when I have all my eggs in my computer basket.

Which means I have copy that I've written myself or that some gracious person has provided me. In that regard, Suzanne Heatherington has helped me a number of times (when I wasn't able to attend an event). Event coordinators are expected to provide copy for their event, which I am most grateful for.

You've probably noticed on pages 3 and 4 that Al Friend, who is the coordinator for a Fall 2013 event, is doing his homework by providing not only our membership advanced notice of that upcoming event, but also copy for me, well in advance of the event. He gets an A+ and my seal of approval for advanced planning.



Attendees at the July 31 meeting when we were honored to have Chris & Lucy Hykes' Ultra Van in the parking lot of King's Restaurant at Harmarville.



From the October 13th Franklin Tour: Tiffany windows inside St. John's Church in Franklin.

# Long Story The short of it

Then there's the matter of photographs. Like any other newsletter, at least in my humble opinion, stories without pictures make for a pretty dull publication. I'm a visual person and I hate to read something that doesn't have pictures. That explains why I read children's books rather than adult stuff. It also explains why I read at a third grade level.

Getting back to gracious people, Don Baker has so many times, provided me with photos from events I haven't attended. I especially appreciate the wonderful shots from the Holiday Parties. He has been a life saver for me on many a newsletter. Thanks Don.

I musn't forget
Pat Greenwald and
Don Cekus who have
also helped with copy
and/or photos in the
past. To all of you,
even though I've not
mentioned your name,
I thank you for your
help in making me and
WPCC look good.



Pat Greenwald gets ready to fuel up at a Sheetz. This picture is from the blueberry event near Edinboro, PA, way back in August 2009

DON BAKER PHOTO



Road Rage Ranger?
Back in 2007, our
current president,
John Gundlach, had
picked the Ranger in
the popular Holiday
Party Gift Exchange.
Did John keep him?
Of course he did, but
almost everyone at
the party wanted the
Ranger. So how long
did John keep him?
Not very long!

Remember the

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2012 CORSA International Convention Sturbridge, MA

2011 Tony Fiore Memorial CORSA Chapter Newsletter Award

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## Coming up...WPCC Holiday Party

Sunday, January 13, 2013

Our annual Holiday Party will once again take place at the Grant Bar & Lounge, located at 114 Grant Street, in Millvale, PA 15209.

Again, as last year, the per person cost for dinner is only \$20. Please make checks payable to WPCC and mail by January 1, 2013 to:

Jim Madden 323 Stanton Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15209.

You will order your entree at Grant's from a selection of four choices (see menu at far right). There will also be a cash bar, Gift Exchange and Chinese Auction (see Schedule of Events). We look forward to seeing everyone there. This is always such a fun party. We must have minimum of 45 people.

### **Schedule of Events**

2:30 - 3:30 Meet and Greet/Cash Bar 3:30 - 5:00 Gift Exchange/Start Chinese Auction

5:00 - 6:00 Dinner 6:00 - Finish Chinese Auction Times are subject to change!

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 drawn, you choose a gift; you may keep the gift or trade for another persons' gift, hoping that another person doesn't take it later. This is always lots of fun. Chinese Auction—Bring along

anything you care to donate to the

club. Tickets are sold for the items with one ticket drawn for each item. Proceeds go to the WPCC.

#### 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 Almondine
- Breaded Pork Chops

Your dinner also includes: Baked Potato, Vegetable, Strawberry Short Cake

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