

# VAIR STREET JOURNAL

Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club

October/November 2001

## *Wayne Rockhill—1938-2001*

Wayne Rockhill, President of the Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club died on Wednesday, October 3, 2001 after taking ill in May.

Soft spoken and liked by everyone who knew him, Wayne was a well known Pittsburgh area architect who worked out of his Venetia home where he lived with his wife, Doreen.

Wayne was father to Wendy Lee (Greg) Hunter and Kenneth Rockhill by his first wife, the late Mary Jane Knapp Rockhill. He was also stepfather of Missy (Steven) Gradert and Richard Swan; brother of Susan Rockhill and Linda (Fred) Grim; uncle of Duane Wolff and Douglas Wolff; greatuncle of Marisa Wolff; also survived by grandchildren, Andrew Stormy, Rebecca, Billy and Anna Marie.

This was Wayne's second time around as WPCC President, having served the Club in that capacity in the early 1980s. He was a staunch supporter of the Club and an active member who participated in its many, many events. Wayne will be sorely missed. ☹

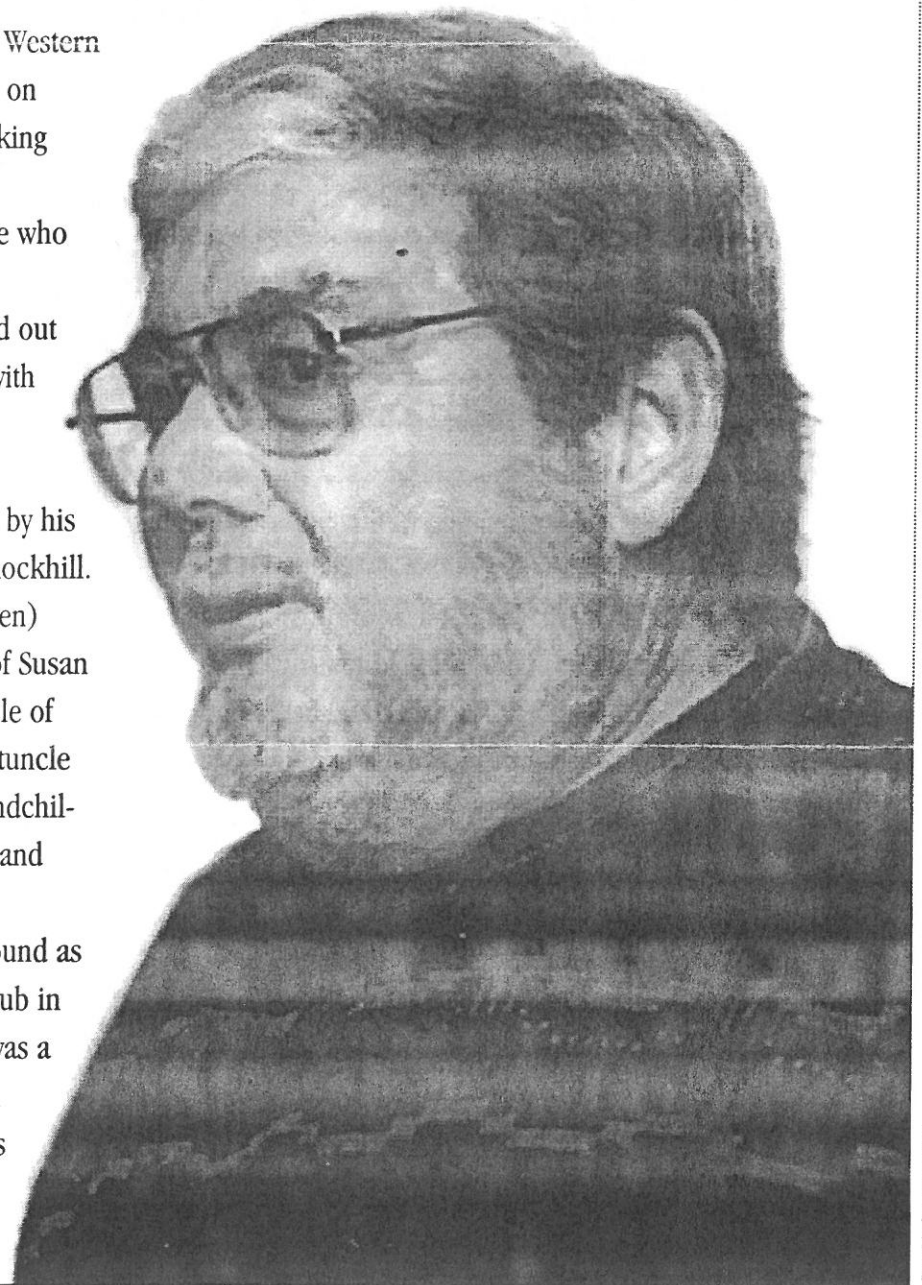


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## Lucky Florida!



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Charlotte and Vaun Hamlin

It's no secret that Vaun and Charlotte Hamlin are moving to Florida in the very near future. You probably read about it in the last *Vair Street Journal* or heard Vaun talk about it at the last meeting.

It seems appropriate at this time to say for the record, how important Vaun's contribution to The Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club and to automotive hobby as a whole, have been. We can not hope to write about them in detail because we surely would not have room in this small publication. We can, however, list some of his accomplishments and contributions. So with apologies to Vaun for the omissions, we offer the following:

- He launched his automotive business out of a two-car garage 51 years ago
  - He has been actively involved in the automotive hobby for more than 51 years
  - He has been a car builder and customizer
  - Air-cooled engines have been a "thing" with Vaun, as his interests included Volkswagens as well as Corvairs
  - He served as editor and publisher of the *Vair Street Journal* for many years
  - He served as President of the Legislative Council for Motor Vehicles of Pennsylvania
  - His beautiful cars and meticulous attention to detail have earned him concourse winners at Corvair Convention and car shows alike
  - He has had a tremendous amount of input at WPCC meetings and events
  - He has written letters or phoned members to give them a "gentle" nudge to get their dues paid
  - He has likewise contacted communities about late payment for participation of our Corvairs in their parades
  - His "Lightning Express" 150 HP Corvair Lakewood was a winner at the drag strips, three years running
  - He along with his lovely wife Charlotte have actively participated in meetings and events consistently
- Vaun and Charlotte, we will miss you very, very much, and wish you much happiness in Florida in the years ahead. ☺





Greetings from your new editor. My name is Charles Lucas, but I'm not really new because I held this position back in the early Eighties. I'm neither writer nor editor but I'll do my best to get the *Vair Street Journal* out to your mailboxes on a regular basis. For the present, that probably means every other month—to coincide with each up-coming meeting, although the next issue will have to be out before the Holiday Party in early January.

Speaking of the early Eighties—after joining WPCC my family and I attended our first Corvair Club function at Cooks Forest. Wayne and Judy Jones were our sponsors. They drove up in the Jerky Turkey and we drove up in our Dodge Diplomat.

It was wet and rainy when we arrived. We were introduced to Crouses, Friends, Breirs, Pat Greenwald, and many more. We also met Rockhills: Wayne, Jane and their children. That's when I realized that Jane Knapp Rockhill and I had graduated together from Munhall High School.

The next morning dawned with favorable conditions for a canoe ride down the Clarion River. It was great fun for everyone. Well, maybe not everyone. Those who were there will remember the great time we had paddling and drifting down the river. Suddenly, Wayne Rockhill's canoe tipped and overturned. Everyone thought it was pretty funny, but

I'm not so sure that Wayne did. He was rather shaken by the experience and very upset over his glasses that were lying somewhere on the bottom of the Clarion River. Later that evening the escapade made for lots of talk at the dinner table.

So much for the Eighties. I guess we'd better get back to the 21st century. As I did the first time around, I would like to ask for your help. You're welcome to submit articles, stories or tech tips (including photos) that are of interest to the membership. Ads are welcome too. You may send it by mail to my home at the address below:

Charles Lucas  
236 W. Marigold Street  
Munhall, PA 15120

Or you may send me an e-mail. Since I am not a Windows person I would suggest that you create the document in Windows, using Word or whatever program you like, then *copy it*, and *send it as an e-mail message rather than as an attachment*.

My e-mail address is:  
chasjlucas@aol.com

## For Sale

### 1966 Corsa Convertible

- 45,000 miles • White with a black interior and top • 4-speed transmission
- 140 HP Turbo-Air 164 engine with 4 carburetors.

Car runs very well. Has been in a collector's garage for many years and was driven only occasionally.

Asking \$5000. 724-238-0900

### 1966 Monza Convertible

- 68,000 miles • Auto/110 (was 140)
- manual top • 14" Rally wheels with new tires • new chrome bumpers
- new brakes • repainted red

Asking \$5500 Call Bruce Geno

412-323-2605



Happy Thanksgiving

## Hershey Trippers



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Happy Hershey trip attendees, from left to right: Don Cekus, Donna Mae Mims, Don Baker, Steve Puskas, Dave Capone, Dick Beir, Greg Breir and George Weston

## Minutes of the Sept 25, 2001 WPCC Meeting

### Officers present

- Bill Artzberger, V. P.
- Pat Greenwald, Secretary
- Bill Brill, Treasurer

### Board members present:

- Don Cekus
  - Bob Hieber
  - Vaun Hamlin
  - Charles Lucas
  - Jim Heatherington
- The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Bill Artzberger.
  - The minutes of the July 17th meeting were accepted as read.
  - The treasurers report was read and approved. The current balance is \$2,909.40. There are 44 paid members.
  - Bill Artzberger reported the deaths of members Gene Rapp and Dave Moore, and former member LaMoyne Holderbaum.
  - Vaun reported that he talked to Doreen Rockhill and that Wayne is probably going to be moved to another facility. Bill passed around a card for Wayne.
  - Bill reported on recent activities

that included club members: Vintage Grand Prix, Idlewild Old Fashioned Days, Beaver County Air Show, and Conneaut Lake. Bill ran into Dick Brier at Conneaut and he invited the club to come up for boating and a bonfire. It was suggested we put this on the schedule for next year.

- Jim Heatherington, Don Cekus, and Vaun Hamlin reported on the National Convention. Vaun brought home two golds, John Gundlach earned a gold, and Jim won a silver.
- Vaun, who is moving to Florida, passed along the club library to Bill. He also passed around a collection of pictures. All those present enjoyed the pictures and the stories that they brought to mind.
- Members were made aware of a benefit Car Cruise at the Home Depot lot off Rt 30 near Greensburg on Sunday, Sept. 30th. Don Cekus suggested that the club schedule a few cruises to attend with as many members as possible attending. It is good P.R. and we may pick up some new members.

- The club received an offer from the Cactus Corvair club to sell raffle tickets for a car to be won at the 2002 Nationals. They are in blocks of 100 tickets. Cost to the club is \$2.00 each, with a resale cost of \$2.50 each. Bill will contact them and ask if we can purchase 50 tickets.
- Charles Lucas agreed to take over the duties of newsletter editor.
- Jim Heatherington volunteered to make the arrangements for this year's holiday party at Carmody's.
- Bill asked Dave Fabyonic to put out a current membership roster.
- Bill had information on Dave Moore's Corvairs that are for sale. They include a 63 Spider coupe, 64 & 66 convertibles, and a 64 coupe. Call Bill if interested.
- On a motion by Dave Fabyonic, and a 2nd by Irene Artzberger, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Greenwald, Secretary

## Reflections on Life

*Many thanks to Bill Artzberger who found this in the North Hills Historic Car Club Newsletter*

- 1) I'm in shape. Round is a shape.
- 2) I'm desperately trying to figure out why Kamikaze pilots wore helmets.
- 3) Do illiterate people get the full effect of alphabet soup?
- 4) Ever notice when you blow in a dog's face he gets mad at you, but when you take him in a car he sticks his head out the window
- 5) You have to stay in shape. My mother started walking five miles a day when she was 60. She's 97 now and we have no idea where she is.

- 6) I have six locks on my door, all in a row. When I go out, I lock every other one. I figure no matter how long somebody stands there picking the locks, they are always locking three of them.
- 7) One out of every three Americans is suffering from mental illness. Think of two of your best friends. If they're okay, then it must be you.
- 8) Ask people why they have deer heads on their walls, and they tell you it's because they're such beautiful animals. I think my wife is beautiful, but

I only have photographs of her on the wall.

- 9) A lady came up to me on the street, pointed at my suede jacket and said, "Don't you know a cow was murdered for that jacket?" I said, "I didn't know there were any witnesses. Now I'll have to kill you too!"
- 10) Future historians will be able to study at the Kennedy Library, the Jimmy Carter Library, the Gerald Ford Library, the Ronald Reagan Library, and the Bill Clinton Adult Bookstore.



# Holiday Party—January 5, 2002—Carmody's Restaurant

Carmody's Restaurant is located on Route 910 off of Exit 73 (old exit 22) of I-79. It's just up the road from King's Restaurant where we have had so many of our meetings. The phone number there is 724-935-3696.

We will begin with hors d'oeuvres at 4:30 p.m., compliments of the club. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., leaving plenty of time for the festivities that follow. Remember to bring something for the Chinese auction, which Pat Greenwald will head up. Following this will be the ever popular gift exchange, run by Al Friend.

Participation in the gift exchange requires that you bring a wrapped gift costing between \$5 and \$10. Please mark you gift with an **F** if it is for a woman, or with an **M** if it is more suited to a man. If the gift is suitable for a man or a woman, please label it with a **B**.



## Holiday Party Reservation Form Saturday, January 5, 2002

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost of dinner is \$16.00**

Menu choices (please indicate number of each)

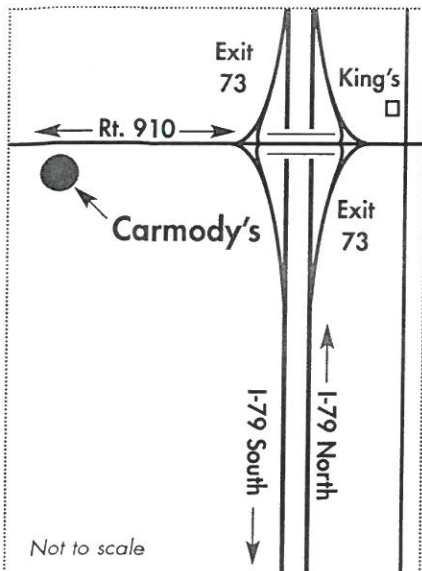
- \_\_\_ Roast Sirloin
- \_\_\_ Stuffed chicken breast
- \_\_\_ Stuffed orange roughy

Entrees include appetizer, salad, twice-baked potatoes, vegetable, sherbet and a beverage.

Return this form with your check, made out to WPCC, to  
**Jim Heatherington**  
 2403 Jenny Lind Street  
 McKeesport, PA 15132

**Your reservations must be received by  
 December 26, 2001.**

Please do not let the holiday commotion cause you to forget! Why not mail it today.



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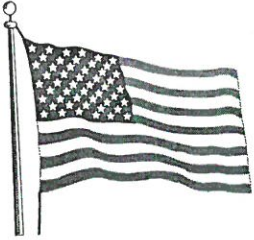
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Next Meeting

## November 27, 2001

King's Restaurant • Route 910, off I-79 at Exit 73 (old exit 22)  
Dinner at 6:30 p.m. • Meeting at 8:00 p.m.



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## Important reminders

The reservation form for this year's **Holiday Party** is included on page 5 of this Journal. Please be sure to fill it out and return it promptly. You will not be receiving another reservation form.

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Please show your solidarity for our club by attending the meeting on **November 27th**. We have lost some key people but we are still strong. Bring your thoughts and ideas. Think about officer nominations.