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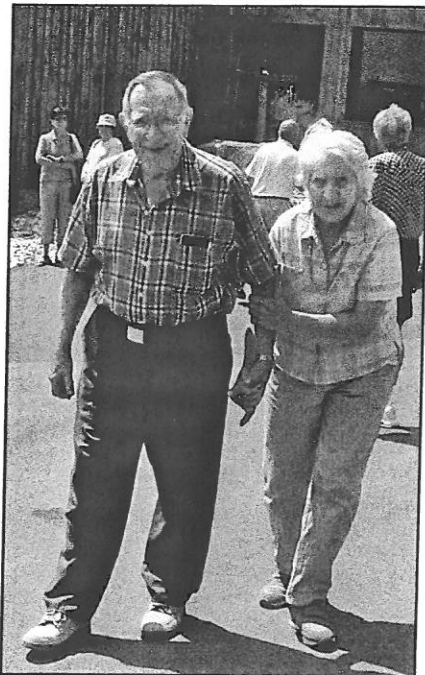
A "Back in Time" Tour

Trip coordinators:

Al Friend and Ralph Shearer

My friend Dave Ritter, with whom I worked at Gateway Marketing Service from 1979 until 1983, welcomed the opportunity to accompany me on this sojourn. He was at my front door at 7:45 the morning of August 20. We were in my Corvair and headed toward Latrobe with the top down (of course) just minutes after Sarah arrived home with a good-bye kiss for me after a night of work at Mercy Hospital.

It was a glorious morning as we headed east. A morning when you're glad to be alive because everything seems perfect...and it was.



Here comes Bill and Irene Artzberger for a photo-op at Glen Savage Ranch.



Charlie Shifano's beautiful 1969 Buick convertible.

We reached McDonald's at 8:55 – just enough time for a quick pit stop. No time for a McMuffin and coffee, though. In a flash we were back out behind McDonald's where there were some awesome looking vehicles (a total of 50, including 14 Corvairs) and lots of people standing around just waiting to get on the road. With the head count taken and the flight plans in our hands, we were on the road with eighty-some car lovers on the "Back in Time" Tour.

One of the first things that I noticed as we headed east beyond Ligonier were the many hills that we encountered. I did a lot of down shifting to negotiate some of them. Maybe "hills" is not the correct word to describe them—for sure, many were real mountains with elevations posted at the top and with one or two having runaway truck sand piles at the bottom. Nonetheless it was great zipping along with your hair blown back by the wind – a perfect day with lots and lots of

classic cars on the Lincoln Highway and beyond. As we traveled through little villages we waved at folks in their yards or on their porches, and they in



Emerick and Letty Buccigrossi with Pat Greeewald at Glen Savage Ranch.



Lunch is over at Glen Savage Ranch. A string of 50 cars start to glide down the Ranch drive to the next station—Gravity Hill.

turn, with admiring glances, waved back to us.

Packsaddle Bridge was our first official tour stop. Like marching ants, the cars traveled onto the red covered bridge, slowed, and as each came through the portal, Ralph Shearer was there to snap a picture.

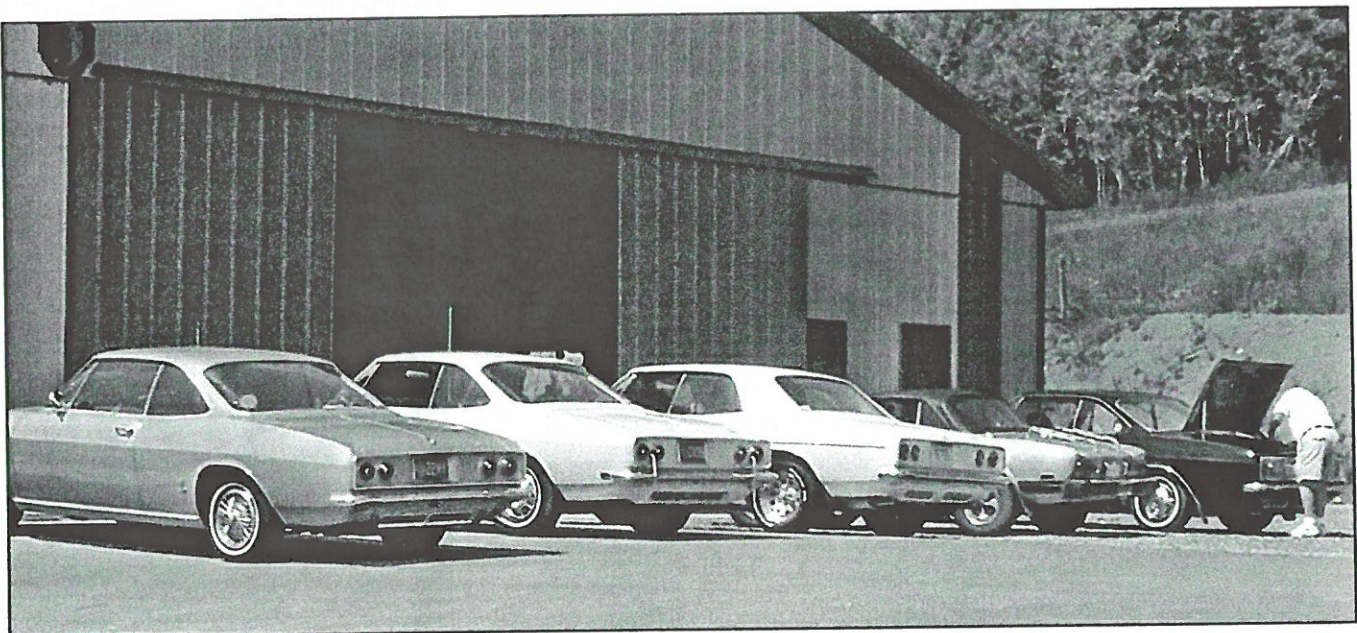
With the covered bridge and sixty miles of travel behind us, I was ready for a bite. So was Dave, and I was sure that

the rest of our entourage was too.

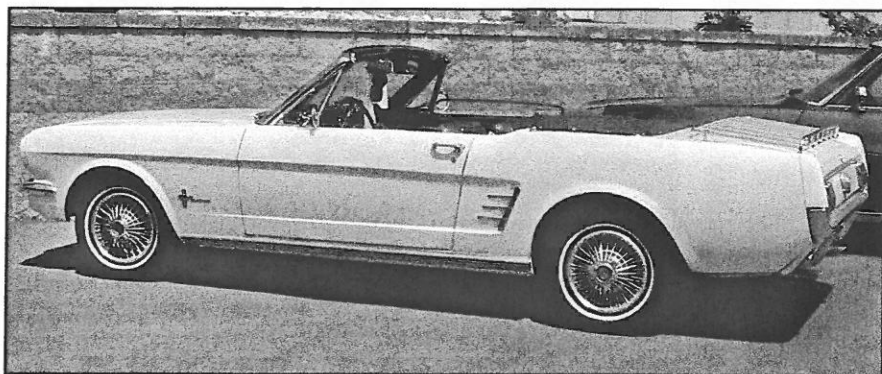
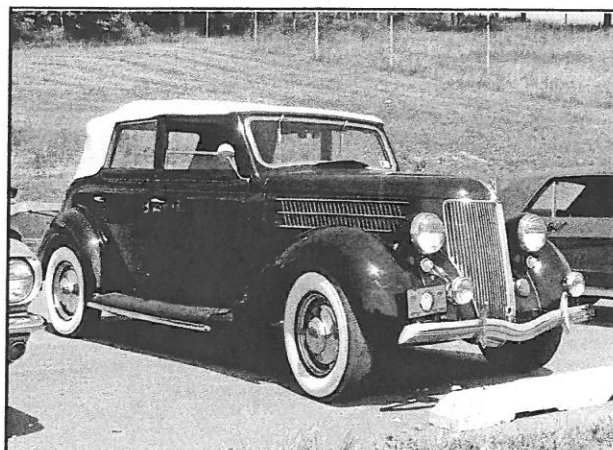
For \$11 a person we had a wonderful lunch at the Glen Savage Ranch. Al and Ralph had promised it would be good, and by golly it was. We can give a big "thank you" to Joanne Shearer, as it was she who found the Ranch during the planning stages for the event. The rustic setting outside and inside was very nice, and very casual. First stop for everyone was the rest rooms and then on to the

cafeteria line. I swear, somehow Dave and I were first to eat and first to be outside to check out the cars that made the trip with us. As people finished their lunches, they did the same. We ran into Charlie Schiffano (WPCC member), who had driven his gorgeous 1969 Buick Convertible that day. Wow, what a great looking car.

We learned that one of the cars on the tour, a red Jaguar, lost its brakes at



Count 'em, four Corvairs and a Fiat. Fiat? How did a Fiat get in there? And the person trying to abscond with the engine and transaxle from the Corvair at the end of the line is D_n C__s.



Glen Savage Ranch:

- Upper left—First generation Monte Carlo, (possibly 1972) and still my favorite for that marque.
- Above—This was top of the line in 1936, a convertible touring sedan.
- A first generation Mustang, (possibly 1966) a very sharp yellow car.

Compass Inn:

- Sorry to say I don't have the names of everyone in this photo taken inside the barn on the Compass Inn property, but, seated at the far left is WPCC president, Don Cekus; standing at left is Don's lovely wife Mary Ellen.

the top of a grade that descends to the Glen Savage Ranch. Luckily there were no injuries or physical damage. The father of Julie Slaybaugh (business partner of Al Friend), graciously helped the woman who was driving the Jaguar.

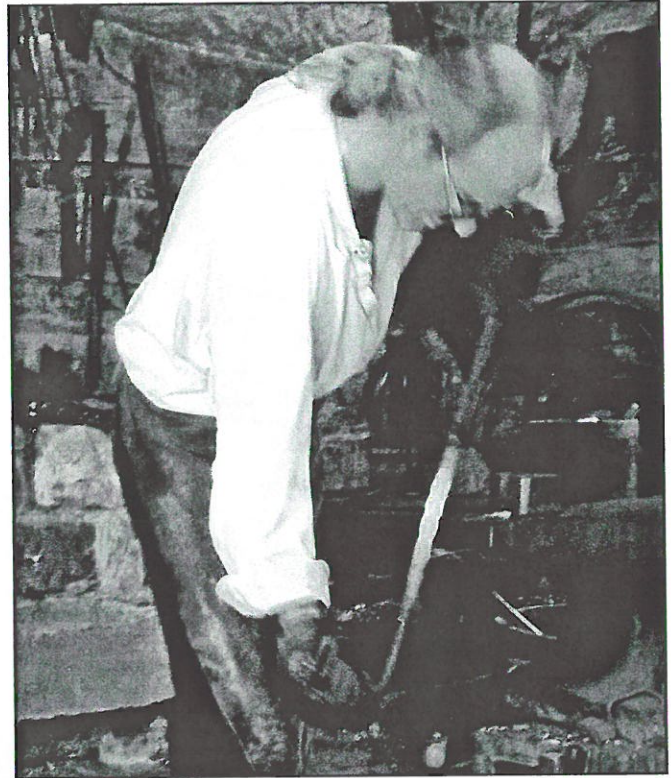
We were on the move again. A long caravan of classic cars meandered along the ranch drive flanked by grassy fields on either side; (see photo, top of page 2) headed toward more of Pennsylvania's late summer beauty. Gravity Hill was next.

Everyone says it's an optical illusion. Beats me, but it sure was interesting. My Corvaire went slowly down (I swear it looked "down") the grade and I brought it to a complete stop, shifted to neutral and the car started to roll back up (sure looked "up") the hill. I did it several times; I laughed and shook my head.

Moving along, we were thrilled by the beauty along Mountain View Drive and

the view where the world famous Ship Hotel once stood. These sights were beyond the ability of a camera to record what can only be appreciated first hand.





At the Compass Inn:

- Upper left—some the nicely costumed people who were able to answer questions about the era.
- Left—(center of the picture) our guide who was so knowledgeable about the history of the Compass Inn.
- Above—this fast moving blacksmith who is twisting a very hot piece of steel knew his stuff. As a professional he understands steel from scientific standpoint.

It was an experience in the grand scheme of things as seen from a little red Corvair.

Next, we were “Back in Time” at the Compass Inn. It was the end of our journey and an opportunity to learn about the past. Many of us toured the Inn where we were entertained and informed by our very knowledgeable guide, whose name I did not get. Some of us also took in the blacksmith demonstration. I’ve seen my fair share of blacksmith demonstrations, and I have to say that this man (whose name I also missed) is without equal. He was outstanding!

It was getting late in the afternoon so Dave and I agreed (I think we were just tired and hot) that it was time to head

back to the twenty-first century in our twentieth century car. We skipped talking to some of the beautifully and authentically costumed people on the grounds and headed back west in the Corvair.

We stopped in Jeannette for a bite to eat at the Park Diner. It was pretty nice to be in air conditioning after sweating putty balls back at the Compass Inn. I had a chocolate banana milk shake that has me wanting to go back there just about every day since. It was scrumptious. Dave chose iced tea. What can I say?

When we got outside and back into the heat of the day we couldn’t help but notice the ominous looking clouds just off to the west. The convertible top went

up immediately. As we continued westward, jagged lightning was visible coming from the clouds at rapid intervals. I needed gasoline, so I pulled into a Sheetz in Strawpump. The rain started pouring as I turned out onto Route 30 after filling up, and I don’t think it stopped until a half hour after Dave left my house to go home.

What a great day it was! I hope you were along for the ride, too. If you weren’t, you missed a good one. But there’s always next time. This was an outstanding event! Thanks Al. Thanks Ralph. Thanks for a great day.

Minutes of the July 26, 2005 WPCC Member Meeting

Officers Present:

- V. President, Emerick Buccigrossi
- Secretary, Pat Greenwald.

Board members present:

- Tim Desmond
- *Journal* editor, Charles Lucas.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Emerick Buccigrossi;

The minutes of the June 28th meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter. There was no treasurer's report.

Emerick reminded everyone of Idlewild's Old Fashioned Days that will run through July 29th. Charles Lucas indicated that he will be attending.

Tim Desmond announced that the picnic date has been moved to August 27th. Please bring a covered dish. Call Tim for directions (412-761-3926).

Al Friend discussed the 'Packsaddle Covered Bridge, Gravity

Hill, Glen Savage Ranch, & Compass Inn' event on August 20th. To date there are 11 Corvairs and 27 cars from the AACA signed up for the trip. Due to the large number of cars, the start time has been moved to 9:00 am. Al will leave trip information with the manager of the Latrobe McDonald's on route 30 for late-comers. Al and Ralph Shearer have streamlined the route to avoid turning around on the narrow roads. Also, Ralph will take a picture of each car as it exits the covered bridge and each driver will have a chance to experience the gravity defying effects of Gravity Hill. Lunch has been arranged for 11:30 at the Glen Savage Ranch. The price is \$11:00, which includes tax and tip. Call Al (724-325-2588) or Ralph (724-539-8645) if you plan to attend.

Pat Greenwald informed the members that the club has committed to staffing the hospitality room at

the mini convention from 1:00 to 3:00 on Friday, September 9th. The club has also been asked to bring some food items. It was decided to purchase them at Sam's and be reimbursed by the club. A discussion followed concerning when and from where to caravan to Mechanicsburg, since the concours is scheduled for Friday. It was decided that a phone tree would be used to resolve these issues.

Les Walter discussed the Oglebay Car Show on August 26, 27, and 28. Unfortunately this conflicts with the club picnic at the Desmond's. Les also informed members of time trials for older stock cars at Beaver run on the 6th and 7th. Don Baker talked about the NECC event at Beaver Run on August 21st and 22nd.

Respectfully submitted,



Pat Greenwald, secretary

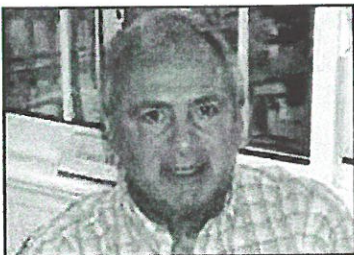
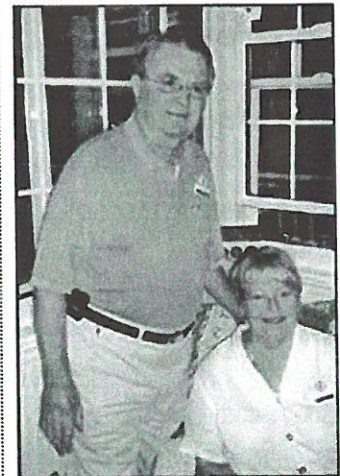
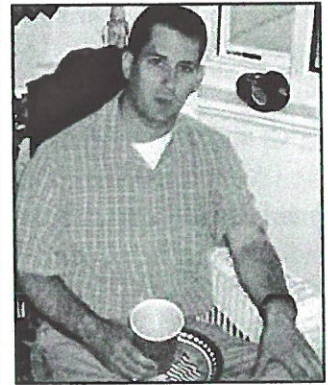
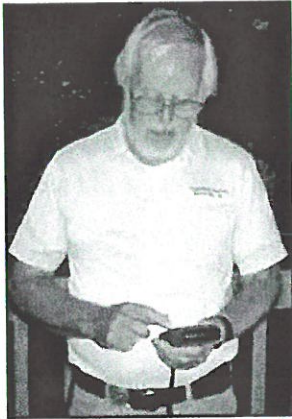
Interesting stuff our guide told us at the Compass Inn

During the eighteenth and much of the nineteenth centuries, most people got married in the month of June because they took their yearly bath in May, and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence the custom has continued even today. Brides, as we all know, still carrying a bouquet of flowers when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons were next, then the women and finally the small children. Last of all were the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water."

This actually predates the Compass Inn by a few hundred years and was not told to us by our guide, but is true nevertheless. Those folks with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach into the food, causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

At Michelle & Tim's Picnic



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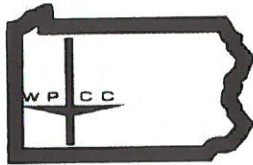


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Next Meeting

September 26, 2005

John Harvard's Brew House • 3466 William Penn Highway
(Business Rte 22) • 400 Penn Center Boulevard No. 3466
Pittsburgh (Monroeville), PA 15235
Dinner at 6:30 p.m. • Meeting at 7:30 p.m.



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JIM STEIGERWALDT AND LAURA GUNDLACH IN CORSA COMMUNIQUE
Jim, who attended the CORSA convention in Portland with his wife Diane, wrote an article about their tour trip to Mt. Hood. You'll find it on page 22 in the September issue. Congratulations Jim!

Did you notice Laura Gundlach on the center spread of that issue?

DIRECTIONS TO JOHN HARVARD'S BREW HOUSE

From PA Turnpike Monroeville Exit: Take the US-22 Business Route West toward Monroeville. John Harvard's is beyond the Monroeville Mall and long bridge. Left at the light, top of rise, then make the first left. John Harvard's is across from the Sears front entrance.

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