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West Virginia Adventure

Story and Photos by Pat Greenwald

Twenty-five anxious people rendezvoused at a rest stop on I79 for a trip into the hills. Don Cekus (aka hero) helped the new owners of Bill Brill's '62 four-door get their car started and we were on our way.

Five plus hours later we arrived at the Inn at Snowshoe, where we checked in, and were off to dinner with a drive up the mountain to the Resort at Snowshoe, a beautiful spot with shops, restaurants, bars, cobblestone walkways, and a view that goes on forever. After dinner there was a

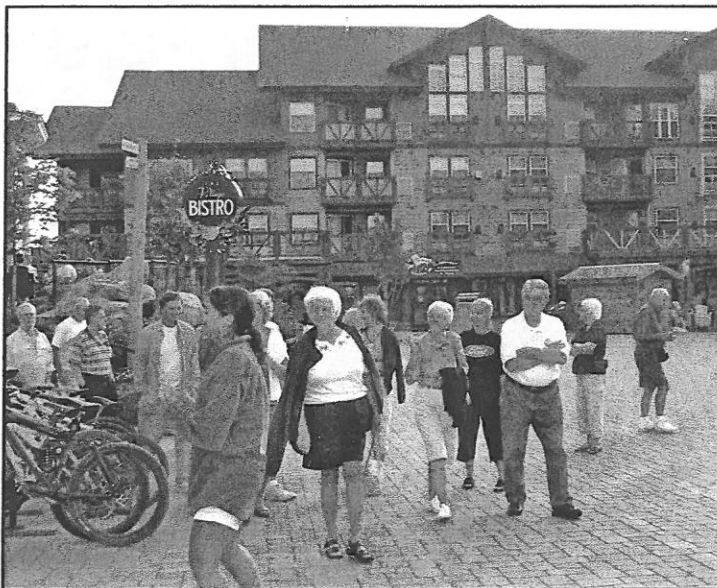
movie in the outdoor plaza but our group was tired, cold, and ready to call it a day.

Saturday started with a drive along the beautiful Highland Scenic

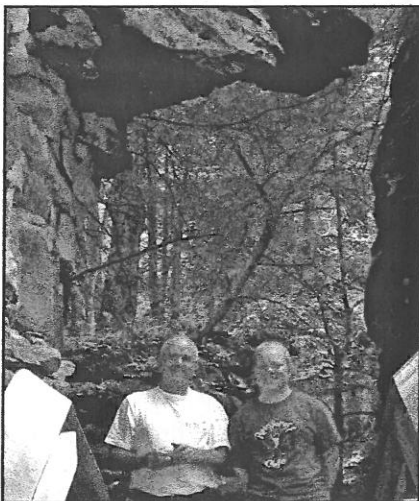
Buck. Lunch was arranged at the Country Roads Cafe. This was originally a country store and it still had the shelves along the walls with the sliding ladders used to reach the top

shelves. There were many antiques, old books and an old upright piano. Jim Gundlach, John's brother, provided the after lunch entertainment with a very nice rendition of "The Entertainer." It fit the scene perfectly.

Next stop was at Beartown State Park, an area of massive fragmented boulders, cliffs, and deep crevasses. We



The gang at Snowshoe



Don and Laura live dangerously!

Highway to the Cranberry Glades Nature Center. Before leaving the building we attended a presentation about snakes of the region. Some brave souls were even holding the wiggly creatures!

Next we walked the boardwalk through and around the glades while our guide pointed out and identified the various plants and animals living in this ice age relic.

On the road again, and good grief, or rather, Good Earth - (sorry), we passed the birthplace of Pearl S.



Gayle Gundlach and wiggly friend

walked the boardwalk and steps through, around, over, and under these many interesting and sometimes unbelievable formations. We caravanned back to the Inn and arrived in time to splash some water on our faces and gather again for the evening tour.

The group then traveled to the restored logging town of Cass. We attended a presentation describing the town and the railroad operation and then boarded a Shay locomotive for a trip up the mountain to a clear-



The Cass Country Store



Pat Greenwald and Dolly Izzo



Bluegrass in the mountains



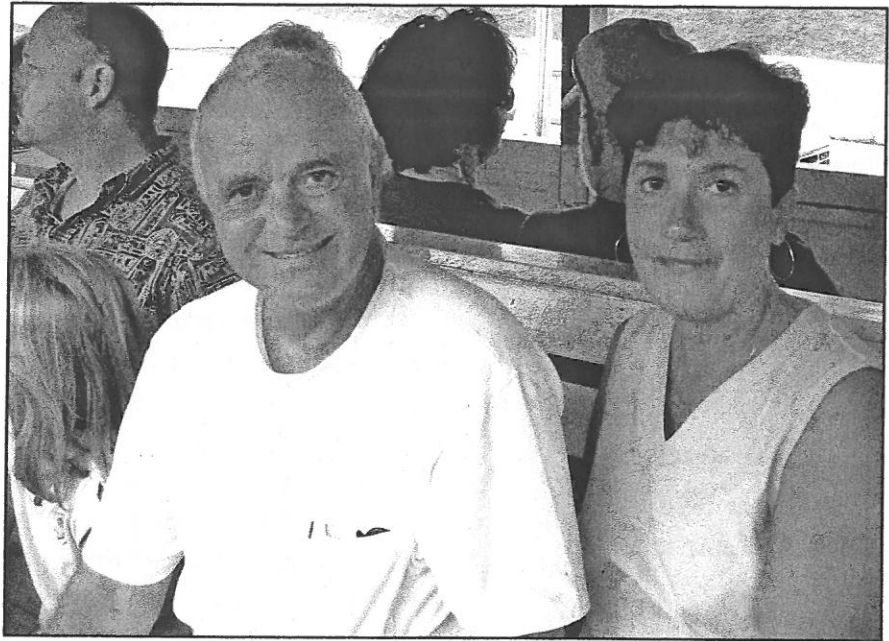
Jim Gundlach, the "Entertainer"

ing named Whittaker Station. The trip up the mountain has two switchbacks where the train reverses; the train goes from being pushed to being pulled at the first switchback, then back again at the second switchback. It rained a little when we arrived at Whittaker Station but it soon stopped and we ate our chicken dinner at the picnic tables while listening to real live bluegrass music. We boarded the train again for the trip back down the mountain and then drove back to the Inn. One Corvaire full of brave souls—Don and Mary Ellen, Pat,

Dolly, and Al, had enough steam left for an abbreviated pub crawl at the top of the mountain. Of course we fit right in with the twenty-somethings!

Sunday started out with Don (our hero) replacing a fan belt on one of the Corvairs even before we left the Inn parking lot. What a guy!

We drove back to Cass where some attended a machine shop guided tour, and others did some shopping. The next stop was the town of Green Bank and a visit to the "National Radio Astronomy Observatory." We had lunch in the Starlight Cafe and then boarded busses for a ride around the grounds



Don and Mary Ellen Cekus



Joanne and Ralph Shearer

passing the many radio telescopes. Can you picture the aliens yelling "Can you hear me now?"

The observatory was the last planned stop on this great, fun filled

weekend, with nothing left to do but make the trip home.

Many thanks to John Gundlach, Ralph Shearer, and Al Friend for a truly Wild and Wonderful Adventure. It is certainly a tough act to follow.

Editors Note

I hate to sound redundant, but from what I've heard, this event involved a lot of planning. Three guys worked on it: John Gundlach, Al Friend and Ralph Shearer, but I think the key man on this project was John Gundlach. He's been wanting to do this adventure for a number of years. Our thanks to all three, especially John.

Since I was unable to attend this event I wasn't sure how I would get something in the Journal about it. Perhaps you noticed that the byline said Pat Greenwald. It only took an e-mail and Pat had the copy and pictures for me in day or two. She was glad I asked her right after the event; it was still fresh in her mind and not so hard to do. So, thanks also go to Pat for her tremendous work with this story.

I think we've got some terrific people in WPCC!

Luke

Minutes of the September 26, 2006 WPCC Member Meeting

Officers Present:

- Jim Heatherington, President
- Tim Desmond, Vice President
- Pat Greenwald, Secretary

Board members present:

- Don Cekus
- Al Friend
- John Gundlach
- Bob Hieber
- Charles Lucas, newsletter editor

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Heatherington.

The minutes were accepted as printed in the newsletter. The secretary read Dwayne Cekus's treasurer's report. The balance is \$2,513.06. This includes a \$200.00 deposit reimbursement for the August trip to Snowshoe.

We had two new members at the meeting, Carl Rudolph and Pete Koebler. Carl is from the Robinson area and has a Corvair with the wheels currently off the ground. Pete recently moved to this area from Holidaysburg and is the Feature Editor of the CORSA Communique. Welcome Carl and Pete.

It was decided that \$100 would be sent to the Corvair Preservation Fund in memory of Bill Brill. Jim asked Don Cekus to have the treasurer send the

check to him and he will forward it to CORSA with a letter.

Tim Desmond discussed plans for the October 21st trip to Tara—A Country Inn near Sharon, Pa. Meeting time is 8:00 a.m. at the Krispy Kreme in Cranberry with departure at 9:00. Those who are planning to go were asked to call Tim (412-761-3926 or 412-952-9753) by September 30th.

Bob Hieber reviewed the plans for the September 30th Econo-Run. The 103 mile, three hour run follows the Orange Belt, has few rules, and will begin and end in Coraopolis. Details were printed in the *Vair Street Extra*.

Bob also reported that three Corvairs made it to the Steel City Classics show on September 10th.

Don Cekus commended Al Friend and John Gundlach for the great trip to Snowshoe in August. Those who missed it missed a very good time.

Jim reported that the club was well represented, in both number of people attending and awards received, at the Corvair convention in Buffalo.

Don Baker invited members to join in a rally that he is conducting for the Blue Ridge club on November 26th. Details will be printed in the newsletter.

Jim discussed plans for the January 14th holiday party at The Nu Babcock in the North Hills. It was decided that the club will subsidize each meal \$10 and buy the hors d'oeuvre. Start time was set for 3:00 pm.

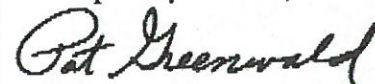
Al distributed copies of a tech tip for adjusting Corvair valves submitted to the journal in January of 1977 by John Greenwald. Members were made aware of some magazine articles of interest; Motor Trend Classics has eleven pages on the Corvair, and Hemmings Classic Car has a report on the development of the turbo engine.

Don Baker and Les Walter visited with Bill Artzberger before coming to the meeting. Bill is currently working on a Model A engine. We miss you, Bill.

Jim Madden is looking to buy a late model convertible.

The next meeting will be on November 28th at John Harvard's in Wilkins Township.

Respectfully submitted,



Pat Greenwald, secretary

The Long Winter Nap

If you're like me and you put your Corvair to bed for the winter, there are a couple of things you should remember.

- 1) Pour a container of fuel stabilizer in the gas tank.
- 2) Get a gas fill-up and drive the car so the stabilizer works its way into the carburetors.
- 3) Roll the windows down when the car is in its storage location.
- 4) Remove the battery and connect it to a battery tender (indoors).
- 5) Cover your Corvair with a car cover.
- 6) Check the battery water once every month.

I have my Corvair on dollies so that I can store it crosswise in the back of my garage, but taking the car's weight off of the tires is a better option.

With apologies to Bill Clapper

In the last issue of the *Vair Street Journal* we failed to mention Bill Clapper's name along with the WPCC members who took awards at the Buffalo CORSA convention. Brother to member, Ed Clapper, Bill took a first place for his black late coupe in the Model Car Concours, Senior Division. Unfortunately we don't have a picture that shows his award winning efforts. With or without a picture, congratulations anyway Bill!

The Prez Sez

What happened? Where did it go? I refer, of course, to summer. Seems like just yesterday we were making plans for July 4 picnics and now it's time to welcome autumn.

I know the national meet was a while ago, and I talked in the last Prez Sez about our club's participation in both the event and the awards pickup, but it's appropriate to mention that our members were all over the front and back covers of the Communique issue covering the meet. Congrats to all our cover girls and boys - WPCC certainly made its presence known to the national organization and I'm proud of all of you.

Although summer picnics are in the past and school is now in session, there is still some touring season left. October is one of the most beautiful months of the year here in Western PA, and Suzanne and I look forward to Tim and Michelle Desmond's tour to the beautiful resort, Tara, located near Sharon, PA. The trip will begin with a shopping



PHOTO BY DON BAKER

Jim Heatherington

excursion to Volant, with its unique shops. Autumn leaves should be peaking right now so I hope plenty of you will get your Corvairs out one more time before they get bundled up for the winter.

Hats off to Al Friend, John Gundlach and Ralph Shearer for the marvelous weekend at Snowshoe Resort. The area is gorgeous... wild and wonderful, just like the license plates say. We toured the National Radio Observatory in

Pocahontas County, rode up the Cass Railroad train to a logging camp and had dinner (with live bluegrass as dinner music), walked around a cranberry bog nature preserve and trekked around some amazing rock formations. It was very special and we had a good turnout. Thanks guys!

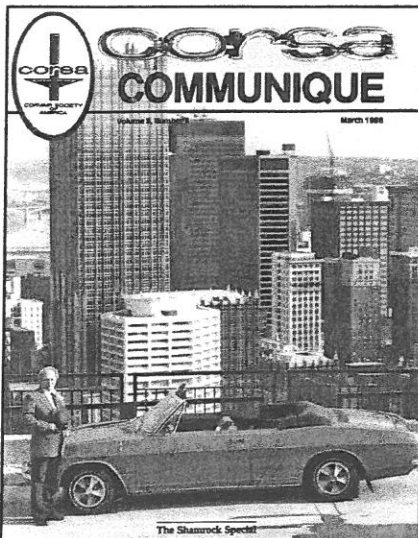
I'm pleased to report that the club has sent a donation to the CORSA Foundation in memory of Bill Brill. An acknowledgement of this gift will be sent to Bill's wife, Jean by CORSA.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the holiday party on January 14 at Nu Babcock Banquet Facility on Babcock Blvd.

Our next meeting is at John Harvard's Brewhouse in Monroeville on November 28. Dinner is at 6:30 with the meeting to follow at 7:30.

Jim Heatherington

President, WPCC



Former WPCC member, Mike Moran, dies in June

The following was excerpted from an e-mail sent by Charlotte Hamlin (HAMLINCHAR@aol.com) to Al and Carole Friend on Tuesday, August 15, 2006.

Just a note to let you know that Mike Moran (Corvair convertible with beautiful green paint that was developed via his wife and PPG) passed away on June 23 after a five month illness—liver/pan-

creatic diseases. Received info from his wife, Marlene, today. She believes however sad, that his passing was probably for the best, as he had been recently diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.

Editors note:

Mike Moran and his green 1967 Corvair appeared on the cover of the CORSA Communique in March 1986

News about The New Year Party

Jim Heatherington tells me that the New Year Party is under control. In a few weeks you will receive from him, complete information including direc-



tions, and a registration form for this fun filled event. The Party will be held at:

**The Nu Babcock
Sieb's Pub and Restaurant
3382 Babcock Blvd
Pittsburgh, PA 15237**

DUES

It's the time of year when we should think about paying our annual WPCC dues. At \$12 a year, you'll have to agree that our dues are very inexpensive.

To renew your membership and pay your 2007 dues, please place a check for \$12, payable to the W. PA Corvair Club, in an envelope and send it to:

**Dwayne Cekus
108 Prosser Drive
Monongahela, PA 15063**

Thanks very much.

For your Thanksgiving reading and carving pleasure, we present:

WHEN FATHER CARVED THE TURK

Author unknown

Ma always did the carving in the old days on the farm;
When roasted bird at meals occurred she'd slice it with a charm;
But last Thanksgiving Father said, when Ma was carving ducks,
Her cooking, though 'twas passable, she couldn't carve for shucks.
Dad said agen, he noticed when chicken came on deck,
Though all the rest got legs or breast, he always got the neck;
Henceforth he'd wield the knife himself, and now I'll go to work,
Events I'll trace, tell what took place when Father carved the "turk".

Christmas mighty soon rolled around and Dick and me and Sue
Had fixed a little game on Pop, and Ma was in it, to—
We had a turkey on the farm I'd heard Dad oft remark,
He'd PLEDGE his word, that very bird came out of Noah's Ark.
We chloroformed the gobbler, and though for hours we tried,
No ax or gun (we tried a ton) would penetrate his hide,
When in the oven birdie went, Mom whispered, with a smirk,
There'll be some fun for everyone when Father carves the "turk".



'Twas Christmas day, the table gay with fixings for the feast,
And ev'ry guest dressed in his best, a score of them at least;
A hungry horde sat round the board as Dad took up his knife
All sharpened like a razor, for the battle of his life.
Hushed was the din as Ma brought in the gobbler, brown and slick—
Mom winked at me, I winked at Sue and she then winked at Dick;
All bowed their heads as grace was said by Reverend Joseph Burke,
Then still as death we held our breath while Father carved the "turk".

Dad shed his coat and bared his throat, and then he butted in.
The gobbler's hide to cut he tried, but couldn't pierce the skin;
Its breast he jabbed, its neck he stabbed, and gave it such a slap
It went right swish clean off the dish and flopped in Sal Smith's lap.
'Twas soon put back, again Dad hacked; oh, things were going some!
When Dad's knife slipped and off it whipped the top of Father's thumb.
Dad stomped the floor, and strange oaths swore, while Reverend' Burke
Begged Heaven, in prayer, our lives to spare while Father carved the "turk".

We fixed the old man's damaged thumb, then Dad, sad to relate,
Upon the table knelt and chased the turkey round the plate;
One knee was on the gobbler's breast; the other in the pie,
While gravy flew on me and Sue and hit the ceiling high;
We ducked beneath the table, 'twas the safest place to go,
While Pop was wrestling up on deck, we breathed a prayer below:
Then came a crash, an awful smash, in my brain long 'twill lurk:
That deafening roar, when on the floor went Father and the "turk".

We scrambled out and picked Dad up; you should have seen him prance—
The carving knife lodged in his shoe, the fork stuck in his pants.
His face was smeared with grease, his beard and whiskers full of pie
Ere he could see, Ma dug out three potatoes from his eye.
Then old "doc" Jupp patched Father up and said 'twas very plain
He'd turkeyitis of the pants and gravy of the brain—
Another gobbler soon was cooked and each one went to work,
And ate, you bet, but don't forget 'twas Mother carved the "turk".

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Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 28, 2006

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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Blue Ridge Mountain Rally

- Day and Date: Sunday, November 26, 2006
- Rally Master: Don Baker
- Starting point: Norwin Hills Shopping Center
- Location: On Rt. 30, 1/2 mile West of the Turnpike
- Registration: 1:00 p.m.
- First car off: 2:01 p.m.
- Rally distance: 60 miles
- Finish at: Vincent's Pizza (near starting point)
- Questions: call Don Baker at 724-863-3770

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