

# VAIR STREET JOURNAL

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

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## An Important Message from the Editor

Dear WPCC Member,

We are very aware that not all of our members attend WPCC meetings and functions, but we still feel a need to do our very best to serve you without imposing on the way you chose to be a member. However, we'd like to think that if you came to a meeting or attended one of our events, you would get more bang for your \$12 membership buck that you so graciously give to preserve the Corvair hobby.

Because of increased postage and printing costs the *Vair Street Journal* is published bi-monthly. Consequently, notifying or reminding people of upcoming meetings and events is less than ideal. People sometimes forget to write noteworthy dates on their calendar or store the information in that marvelous memory bank inside their head.

Today, only a small percentage of people in United States are without access to a computer. E-mail is used by millions of people every day. Currently, WPCC members use e-mail to communicate with each other and to submit the material, both copy and digital pictures for publication in the *Vair Street Journal*.

So what's my point? Roughly 46% of our members show an e-mail address on the roster that is published in every issue of the Journal. We realize that we probably can't get 100%, but if we had the e-mail addresses of seventy or eighty percent of our membership, we could send reminders about meetings and events via e-mail. Proposing this is hardly revolutionary thinking in this day and age.

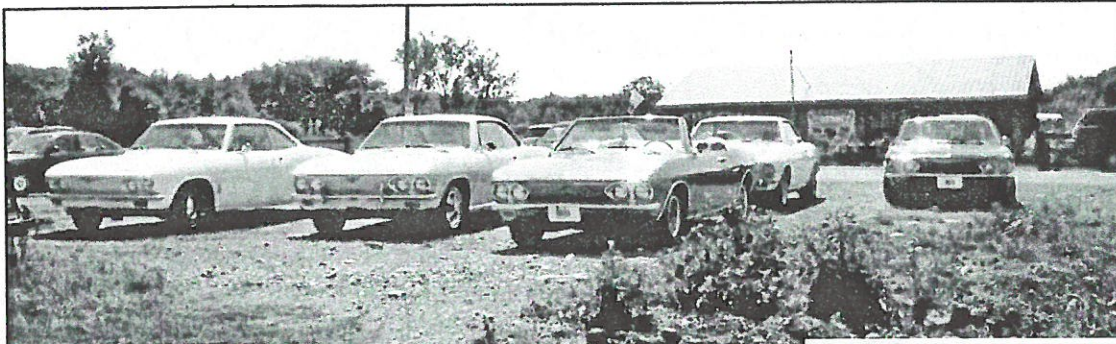
People today somehow seem to be busier with all sorts of diversions that are a part of their everyday lives. We'd like to notify you when the need arises, so that you might find a little time for this hobby and make it a part of your busy lifestyle.

One very important word comes to mind—"PRIVACY". For myself I only want to receive e-mail from people whom I know. Consequently, I delete e-mail messages from anyone I do not know. To those who are reluctant at having their e-mail address published in the membership roster, I would suggest the following: send me an e-mail message to say it's okay to send reminders from the club but keep your e-mail address off the roster. That's not a problem. All I ask in return is that you simply type **WPCC** in the **SUBJECT** box of your e-mail. I will keep your address on file but will not publish it in the roster unless you change your mind and say it's okay to do so. My e-mail address is chaslucas@gmail.com

Thanks very much.

*Luke*

# The Thrill of Blueberry Hill



*Some of our clubs fine looking Corvairs*



*Could this be an illegal alien?, or perhaps Jaun Valdez? Sorry, these aren't coffee beans. Maybe it's the Chitto Bandito?*



*Jim Heatherington isn't so sure about the blueberry he has in his hand—it blue alright, but it's a plaid blueberry*



*Joyce Bachman says she's looking for her husband, Jack. She can't seem to find him anywhere. If she'll just beat around the bush...*

A caravan of Corvairs left Cranberry at 9 a.m. on August 18 for a blueberry farm located four miles north of Edinboro, Pennsylvania, on route 99.

Tim Desmond, event coordinator, told me that it was a great day for picking blueberries. Along with Tim of

course, was his wife Michelle. Joining them in the fun were Jack and Joyce Bachman, Don and Mary Ellen Cekus, Pat Greenwald, Bob Hieber, Jim and Heidi Madden and Stephen Puskas.

The WPC berry pickers (and tasters) were busy for two and a half hours with the little blue morsels. By 2:00 o'clock, everyone agreed that they

were hungry, and besides, lunch reservations were set for 2:30.

The Corvairs headed South, to Cambridge Springs and the Crossbow Inn, where everyone agreed that the food was excellent. After a nice long lunch of good food, good friends and good conversation, it was time to continue on South and home

# 2007 CORSA Convention Detroit

story by Pat Greenwald • Car photos-Tim Desmond • People photos-Pat Greenwald



Michelle Desmond, Pat Greenwald, Dolly Izzo, Dana and Bill Young, Don and Mary Ellen Cekus, Bill and Ed Clapper with two Michigan friends at the hotel.



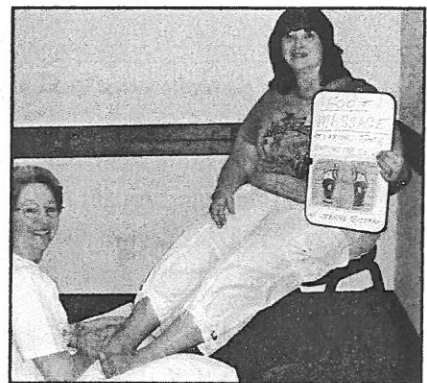
Gayle, Laura and John Gundlach stop to have their picture taken for the Journal



Don and Mary Ellen Cekus looking like a couple of kids

Nineteen people representing NWPC traveled to Detroit, "Where It ALL Started", to attend the 2007 CORSA International Convention. Dolly Izzo and I traveled in Don Cekus' white four door. The trip up was easy and uneventful except for traffic and construction getting around Detroit. Ah yes, and a little

incident involving me not stopping to pay the toll when leaving PA on the turnpike. Oh well, the license plate appearing in the Easy Pass photo is Don's not mine - so why should I worry!

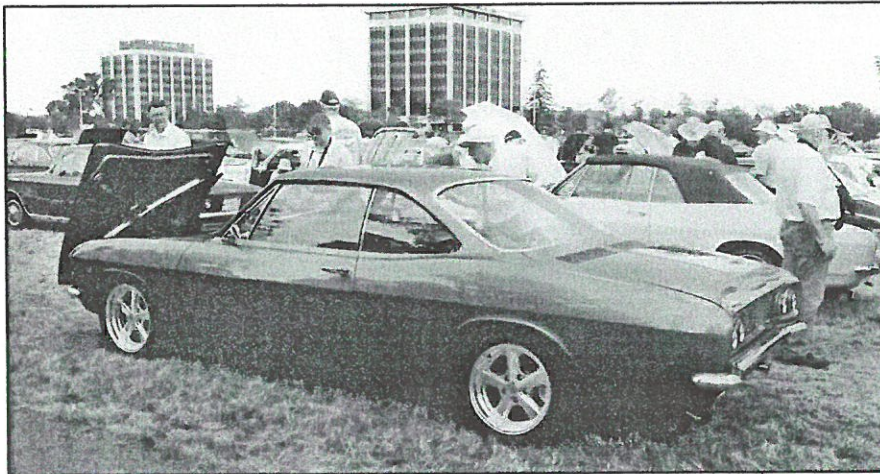


Dolly Izzo enjoys a foot massage

We had members participating in the Concourse, Car Display, Rally, Econorun, Autocross, and the tours and activities. Laura Gundlach was prepared to compete in the valve cover race for juniors, but it was canceled when the track was damaged after the adult races at the Welcome Party.



Don Cekus' black and gold van was a real head turner in Detroit



*A few of the many beautiful Corvairs on the concourse field*

Congratulations to John Gundlack and John Tyger who both brought home gold awards in the senior division of the concourse.

self away from the vendors. I came home with a first place in one of the ladies classes; (it pays to compete in a division with no competition.)



*John and Gail Gundlach with John and Barb Tyger*



*The Clapper brothers, Ed and Bill*



*John and Steve Sweet*

Ed Clapper entered a car in the model car concourse and Ed and Bill competed in the Rally, finishing in the top 25%. Unlike some rallies run by WPCC, these two were still speaking when it was over!

Tim and Michelle Desmond and sons Chris and Matt took advantage



*Matt, Michelle and Chris Desmond*

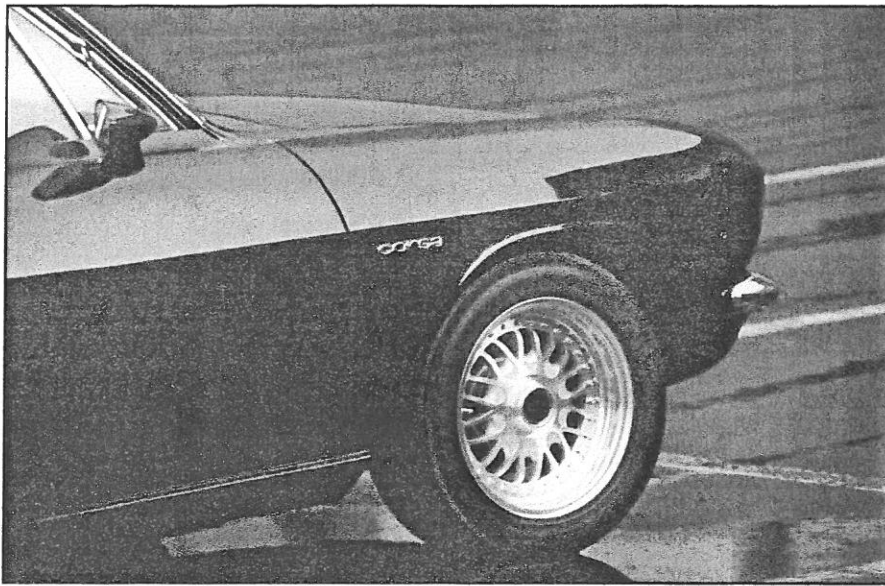
Don Cekus and I had fun racing in the autocross. Everyone was surprised that Don actually pulled him-



*This really sharp looking late model is poised and ready to run the autocross*

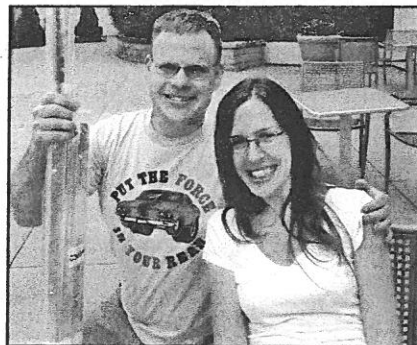


*John Gundlach's beautiful blue-green 1964 Monza Spyder*



*This outstanding picture taken by Tim Desmond captures the ageless beauty of the Corvair automobile*

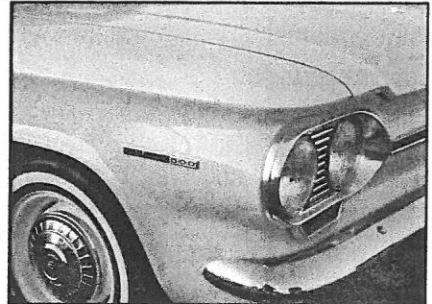
of their time in Detroit to visit points of interest in the areas that weren't on the tour list and then drove to Mackinac in northern MI after the convention. John and Steve Sweet were busy all week in the outside vendor area but found time to enjoy the Detroit River Dinner Cruise. The buffet on board was excellent and the warm evening made for some very nice viewing from the decks.



*The happy parents-to-be, Bill and Dana Young*



*Believe it or not this sharp looking late model was up for sale*



*The above three pictures show what, in the words of Tim Desmond, was a near perfect 1964, 500 coupe. It took many awards*

Bill and Dana Young joined us for a few days and announced that they are expecting a "Youngun." The happy couple was also part of the group that piled into Don's van and drove into Detroit to visit Greek Town, eat some Greek food, and visit the casino. Don came out a winner, a-g-a-i-n! How does he do it?

Over all, I thought the convention was well run and well organized, a least for the events and tours that I was involved in. It was a good time and I look forward to next year in Ventura (maybe).

*Pat Greenwald*

## Minutes of the Septembere 25, 2007 WPCC Member Meeting

### Officers Present:

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

### Board members present:

- Tim Desmond
- Jim Heatherington
- Steve Puskas
- *Journal* editor Charles Lucas

The meeting was called to order by President Don Cekus.

The minutes of the July 17th meeting were approved as printed.

The treasurer's report was read and approved. The balance is \$2,469.70.

Don Cekus and Pat Greenwald discussed some of the club member's participation at the CORSA convention. John Gundlach and John Tyger earned gold awards in the Concourse

and Pat finished first in one of the ladies autocross events.

Don reported that it was a great day at the drag races. Eight Corvairs made it to the track and enjoyed the hospitality of Bob Tedesco and his nephew. Congratulation to Bob who just edged out Ken Cekus in the competition.

Don reported that the picnic at the Gudlach's and the visit to the Saxonburg Festival of Arts was a great success in spite of the damp weather. We even had a slow moving parade of Corvairs following John from Saxonburg to his home as he drove Laura's tractor back to the house. There was a very nice turnout for the picnic and the people are still talking about John's unbelievable train collection. Thanks to John, Gayle and Laura for a very nice time.

Don read a memo written by Charles Lucas (printed on the first page of this newsletter) concerning the Club's use of email.

Charles then read an article written by the editor of Hemmings Classic Car Magazine that appeared in the August issue that raved about Corvair automobiles and the people that own them.

Don announced that due to Bob Hieber's work schedule, he was unable to plan the economy run/leaf tour. Anyone else?

The 50/50 raffle contributed \$10.50 to the club treasury and to Don Baker's wallet.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 27th at Kings in Wexford.

Respectfully submitted,

*Pat Greenwald*  
Pat Greenwald, secretary

## Find Out Who These People are and What They Were Up To—in the Next Issue of the *Vair Street Journal*



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Next Meeting

## November 27, 2007

King's Restaurant • Route 910 – Wexford • off I-79 at Exit 73  
 Dinner at 6:30 p.m. • Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

*Never Forget 09-11-01*



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Les Walter, one our members, had heart by-pass surgery on Friday, October 12, 2007. Les is doing well and will probably be home from West Penn Hospital by the time you read this, so feel free to send him a card at his home. You can find his address on page 7 in this newsletter.

Thanks,  
*Les Walter*