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The Newsletter of the Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club

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PAT GREENWALD'S 1ST CORVAIR

My '64 convertible was rescued in '69 just before it was to go off to the salvage yard. My husband, John, worked for an insurance company and the car was an unrecovered stolen car. After settling up with the insured, the car was recovered. Before sending it to the junk yard, the company decided to put it up for bids. John had been a mechanic in a previous job, working mostly on Corvairs, so he decided to turn in a bid. He got the car for \$60 or \$80, I'm not sure which. After some body work and paint, it was ready for the road.

I first saw the car in the summer of 1970. I had a two month old '70 Camaro and offered John an even swap. Not sure how serious I was but it didn't matter because the offer was not accepted. I had

owned a '64 convertible a few years before and really liked it.

After John and I started dating, I could always tell when he was bringing the Corvair. From a block away I could recognize the distinctive sound of the engine.

In the fall of '73 John found a note on the windshield about a recently formed club that met in a garage in Leechburg and he started attending. My first event was a picnic the following summer at the home of Ivan Clever, the founder of WPCC.

Nostalgia is great and we would enjoy hearing your story. If you have a story to tell, please e-mail jsb402@aol.com or mail to Joyce Bachman, 402 Elfinwild Lane, Glenshaw, PA 15116

March 21, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

Officers Present

Jim Steigerwaldt, President
Don Cekus, Vice President
Pat Greenwald, Secretary
Darlene Kady, Treasurer

Board Members Present:

Jack Bachman
Don Baker
Al Friend
Bob Hieber
Charles Lucas
Jim Madden
Steve Puskas

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Steigerwaldt. He thanked the retiring newsletter editor Charles Lucas and the retiring treasurer Jim Heatherington for their years of service to the club. He then thanked the new editor Joyce Bachman and new treasurer Darlene Kady for agreeing to fill those positions.

Jim mentioned the upcoming Corsa elections and an email received from Ryan Blackwell asking for support.

Al Friend reported that the new building at the Air Force Museum in Dayton is scheduled to be finished in 2016. He asked the newsletter editor to include articles about the museum in the newsletters to build interest in the trip.

Al also passed out copies of the Western PA Region AACA – 2015 calendar of events. He marked the events that he thought our club may be interested in attending. In particular he encouraged members to attend the September 6th WPR Paul P. Bell Memorial Antique Auto, Custom and Street

Rod Show, Legion Keener Park, Latrobe.

Darlene mentioned two events that members may be interested in:

May 14th, 'Meet the Makers' in Ypsilanti, MI; and

May 17th, 'Corvair Ranch – Open House' in Gettysburg.

Jim Madden reported that Terri is collecting information for a wine tour this summer. She hopes to have it for the next meeting. Also, they are hoping to host a picnic for the club in July or August.

Don Baker announced that the Corvette Group is touring to Charlotte, NC June 10 – 14. The tour ends up at the 'Tail of the Dragon' on the NC- TN border.

Don distributed information about the 2015 Vintage Grand Prix. The event covers three weekends in July. He and Les Walter will be working the event and are in need of volunteers to help with the race. He asked members to consider it.

Jack Bachman suggested a ride on the Titusville Railroad. It is a three hour trip with three stops. It runs from June through October with weekday runs in July and August.

Don Cekus suggested that members send pictures of our cars to the editor. It would be nice to see our cars on the cover.

Charles Lucas requested that the club consider replacing King's with another restaurant. This issue will

be voted on at the next meeting.

Les Walter found three covered bridges near Seven Springs. These are walking only bridges with nearby parking.

The president asked the secretary to add Jim Heatherington to the board.

Don Baker announced that he will be running his Z on a hill climb on Polish Mountain, east of Huntington on Rt. 40.

Don reported that he saw a front license plate identifying the president of another club. He presented it as an idea for our club. Don also reported an error in the minutes of the Nov. 25th meeting. Les Walter is a life member of SCCA not the SPCA. Sorry Les.

Al has a video of the Swigart Museum that he will arrange to show at a future meeting.

Al and Carole have purchased five awards and are donating them to the club. Al suggested names of club members as possible awardees. It was voted that four of the five will be presented at the next meeting.

Pat Greenwald

BOARD MINUTES CONTINUED.

DATE		PROPOSED EVENT	Time	SPONSOR
May	26	Meeting - North Park Club House (Dinner at 6:30 - Meeting at 7:00)	6:30	
June	10-14	Corvette (CCWP) Tour to Charlotte NC		
	23-27	Corsa Convention - Knoxville, TN		
JULY	10-19	Vintage Grand Prix		Don Baker
	28	Meeting at Kings (Venue Subject to Change)		
JULY OR AUGUST		Blueberry Picking Expedition and Lunch		Tim Desmond
		Picnic		Jim Madden
August	7-8	Swigart Museum, Huntingdon		
	22	Butler AACA Tour - Harmony to Slippery Rock		Steve Puskas
September	6	WPR Antique Auto, Custom and Street Rod Show, Latrobe		
	19	Bantam Factory - Pullman Mall		Steve Puskas
	22	Meeting at North Park Club House	6:00	
October		Covered Bridges - Seven Springs Area		Les Walter/Bob Hieber
November	22	Meeting at Kings (Venue Subject to Change)	6:00	
January	10	Holiday Party at Grant's Bar		Jim Madden

Stay-tuned in 2016 The Airforce Museum will be opening and Al Friend is planning an exciting trip for the Corvair members. More definite news to come.

All the events are tentative and a definite date and time will be confirmed.

CLUB NEWS:

A Huge thanks to Kurt Foltz.

I received the following via e-mail from Kurt Foltz. He hosted a Corvair workshop for the Corvair enthusiasts. Most got this e-mail but for those who didn't this is what Kurt had to say.

I just wanted to say a Huge Thanks to all who turned out for this event. What a great time was had by all. John Sweet gave seminars on carburetor rebuilding, Fuel Pumps, Harmonic Balancer, and Distributors. Between him and Don Cekus going around and looking in everyone's engine compartments, a lot of the cars came in running rough and left running A LOT better, or, like me, I have homework to do underneath with my accelerator rod. Amazingly, no one dropped a sausage or pepperoni into anyone's engine! Thanks for the pizza Rod, I wish you would've tak-

Well looks like we turned the corner on this winter and the Dog Days of Summer won't be far behind. I'm also looking forward to the first weekend at the WEXFORD STARLIGHT Car Cruise,

1966 Monza 4 speed, 140HP

PS- There are photos on the WPCC Facebook page

Let's welcome Lee and Linda Williams to the Corvair Club. They hail from Glenshaw, PA

Polly Tedesco, our prayers and thoughts are with you. Get well soon.

John Cekus and Terry Washington....We'll see you at the 5K with your new bionic knees.

Thanks Goes to Pat Greenwald for providing the feature story this newsletter.

The Corvair convention is in Knoxville Tennessee June 23-27. The registration form and information needed is in the Corsa Communique. Don Cekus, Vince Duvas, Pat Greenwald and Jack Bachman are attending. It will be a fun time so if you would like to take the drive, enjoy the week with fun people, sign up soon.

NEXT MEETING:

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2015

PLACE: NORTH PARK CLUBHOUSE—RT. 8

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