

The Vair Street Journal

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Next Meeting:

March 25, 2014

King's Restaurant – Harmarville
5 Alpha Drive East – Pittsburgh 15238
Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:30



Never forget
09-11-01

A Corvair Story

by Darlene Kady

With no real preconceived ideas about a car choice, my boyfriend Jeff and I decided



Darlene Kady
the foreign cars, but that still leaves a lot of domestic vehicles to choose from. From

we'd like to do a project car together. Choosing the car was left up to me. First and foremost, it had to be an American made car. That of course eliminated

a practical standpoint as well as brand loyalty, Ford, Chrysler, American Motors, Studebaker, Packard etc. were eliminated because Jeff is a General Motors Technician. With so many GM cars to choose from, it took weeks to settle on one single model. I can still see the expression on Jeff's face when I said "CORVAIR." "I've never worked on a Corvair," he said. "But the choice was yours and like you, the choice is unique, and that's just fine with me."

The search begins We started by getting word out to people we know. It

was then that we realized that everyone, in some way, has "A Corvair Story", and this is ours. For what we thought was a less than common choice, we came to realize that interest in Corvairs is still very much alive.

During our search we traveled to Ypsilante, Michigan. Our destination: the Hudson Garage, that houses the Corvair Museum. We met Jack Miller and spoke Corvair, and saw everything Corvair that was there to see. Jack put us in contact with a lady that had a lot of experience

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January 12, 2014 Member Meeting Minutes

Officers Present:

Jim Steigerwald, *President*
John Gundlach, *Vice President*
Pat Greenwald, *Secretary*
Jim Heatherington, *Treasurer*

Board Members Present:

Don Baker
Don Cekus
Al Friend
Bob Hieber
Steve Puskas
Charles Lucas, Journal editor

Forty-five members and guests gathered at Grant's Bar & Lounge for the annual Holiday Party/meeting.

The president called the members to order for a short business meeting.

On a motion by Al Friend and a second by Jim Heatherington. The minutes of the September meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Jim Heatherington's treasurer's report showed a balance of \$3,173.91 on December 31st. Since

the November balance, there was income of \$180 in dues, and no expenses. Jim stated that the balance has been holding steady in the recent past.

Jim Steigerwaldt thanked all who helped with club activities in the past year. He then asked the nominating chairperson, Don Baker, for the candidates for the 2014 offices. Don reported as follows:

President - Don Cekus
Vice President - Jim Steigerwaldt
Treasurer - Jim Heatherington
Secretary - Pat Greenwald

Nominations were then opened to the floor. Being none, on a motion by Al Friend and a second by Steve Puskas, the nominations were closed. The president requested that the Secretary cast the ballot for the above candidates.

Jim turned the meeting over to the new president, Don Cekus who thanked Jim for all his work.

Al Friend than presented Jim with a solar powered desk globe in appreciation for all his work.

Don asked the following people to be part of the 2014 board; Bob Hieber, Al Friend, Jim Madden, Steve Puskas, Don Baker, and Jack Bachman.

The gift exchange was conducted by Al Friend, assisted by Laura Gundlach. Because the restaurant wanted us out by 6:30 and time was running short, the president announced that there would be no trading of gifts this year.

Pat Greenwald and Dolly Izzo, assisted by Les Walter, Don Cekus, and Suzanne Heatherington, conducted the Chinese Auction. Proceeds were \$275.00.

Respectively submitted,

Pat Greenwald

February 22, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

Officers Present:

Don Cekus, President
 Jim Steigerwaldt, Vice President
 Pat Greenwald, Secretary
 Jim Heatherington, Treasurer

Board Members Present:

Don Baker
 Al Friend
 Bob Hieber
 Jim Madden
 Steve Puskas

The meeting was called to order by President Don Cekus.

Jim Steigerwaldt presented Al Friend with the member of the year trophy. Jim Heatherington reported that the club subsidized the holiday party in the amount of \$310.00; \$275.00 of this came from the auction proceeds. Also, fifteen members have not yet paid 2014 dues. It was suggested that these people be sent an e-mail reminder.

It was voted on and approved that the club would again run Clark's ad in the newsletter.

Information was distributed for the Vintage Grand Prix and the Happy

Days Tour VI to Bardstown, KY.

Al Friend asked if there was interest in returning to Dayton to visit the Air Force Museum. He suggested that we wait a year or two because an additional building is planned.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to setting up the tentative schedule of events for 2012, shown below.

Respectively submitted,



Pat Greenwald

Mar	25..... Meeting	King's Restaurant, Harmarville	
Apr	6..... Car Show	Meyersdale	Don Cekus
	26..... Car Cruise	Erwin, PA	
May	11-15..... Happy Days Tour	Bardstown, KY	Jim Heatherington
	27..... Meeting	North Park Club House, Rt 8	
Jun	?..... Picnic		Jim Madden
Jul	15..... Meeting	King's Restaurant, Harmarville	
	19-20..... VGP Car Show	Schenley Park.....	Don Baker
	21-25..... CORSA Convention.....	Tacoma, WA	
Aug	?..... Theater	Jennerstown	Jim Heatherington
Sep	?..... Wine Tour	New York State	Jim Madden
	23..... Meeting	North Park Club House, Rt 8	
Oct	?..... Fall Foliage Tour	Bob Hieber	
Nov	?..... Bayernhof Museum.....	Ohara Township.....	Don Cekus
	25..... Meeting	King's Restaurant, Harmarville	
Jan	11, 2015... Holiday Party.....	Grant's Bar.....	Jim Madden

New Member

WPCC would like to welcome new member, **John M. Sirkoch**. John is 83 years old and lives at: 3002 Nottinghill Drive Moon Township, PA 15108 412-264-4839 jmsirk@comcast.com John has a 1963 Monza Convertible

E-mail from Sandy Artzberger:

*Luke,
 Please report that the lottery Chinese auction item netted:
 2 free tickets and \$27.00 dollars.
 Everyone was commenting and seemed interested so I thought I'd share the information.
 So, I'm not a millionaire and still have to keep my job.
 Thanks,
 Sandy*

Holiday Party *All photos in this article are by Don Baker*

Writing about the Holiday Party year after year gives me the feeling that I probably sound like a broken record, but I'll say it anyway: the party was great and everyone had a wonderful, fun time.

Again, it was at the Grant Bar & Lounge in Millvale where we've had the party since 2008.

The Polar Vortex that brought us the "never ending winter" hadn't hit yet, so it was easy traveling to the Millvale for WPCC partiers and friends.

As in the past, the hors d'oeuvres and entrees were delicious. The Gift Exchange and Chinese Auction were cut a little short because we had to leave by 6:30, which meant there was no chance to exchange one gift for another. Bummer!

And finally, it was nice to renew acquaintances with friends you haven't seen since last year's Holiday Party.

If you're not pictured here on the following pages, join us next year; you might see yourself.

The New Prez



Our new WPCC President, Don Cekus

Service Award

Below: Outgoing WPCC President, Jim Steigerwaldt receives his service award from Al Friend



Bill & Joan Artzberger



Sandy & Jim Artzberger



Joyce & Jack Bachman



Don Balker and Pat Greenwald



Dick & Carol Brier

Holiday Party *continued*



Don & Mary Ellen Cekus



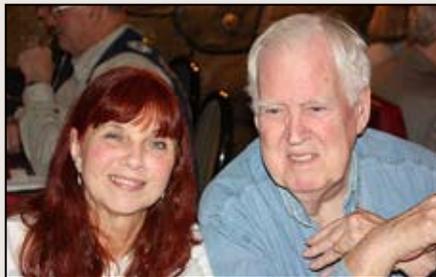
Bob & Donna Hieber



Jim Steigerwaldt and son Jim



Tim & Michele Desmond



Dolly Izzo and Less Walter



Richard & Anita Comer



Diane & Earl Goehring



Darlene Kady and Jeff Grahovak



Ryan & Heather Greenwald



Gayle, Laura & John Gundlach



Charles & Sarah Lucas



Bill & Sally Richards



Jim & Suzanne Heatherington



Joseph, Stephen & Nora Puskas



Linda & Lee Williams

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with Corvairs, but at the time she was unable to be of real help to us, and yet, was another source of valuable information that we needed. It was during this trip that we decided that we liked and wanted a second generation Corvair... a 1965 CORSA turbo convertible. However, after learning what we now know about this model, as a project car, it would probably be very difficult to find.

Our next trip took us to Gettysburg, PA and the Corvair Ranch for a "look-see" to learn what is available there, what to look for, and what to watch out for. We made contact with Jeff Stonesifer, current owner of the Ranch, and walked through the various collections of Corvairs, some restorable and some used for parts only. He showed us the workings of the Ranch, including a tour of the machine shop. I'll have to say that Jeff Stonesifer was a gracious host.

After two years of searching for a Corvair we decided to make another trip to Gettysburg. On Tuesday of the week we were planning to go, lo and behold, we found what we were looking for in Burgettstown... a 1965 CORSA turbo coupe. Originally a California car, the body is still intact. When the ignition key was turned, it started, but did not run well, and worse yet, did not stop when the brakes were applied. With Jeff being a service technician we were not so worried about engine condition, but that the engine number and date code matched the car. The price was right; we bought the car. I was so excited and Jeff was too.

We had the car towed home on Thursday and checked it over. The next day, Friday, we were off to Gettysburg and the Corvair Ranch where we toured the entire facility and saw customer cars being



Darlene & Jeff's 1965 CORSA Turbo coupe

repaired as well as completed restorations. We picked up a good number of parts that we knew we would need to get started.

Upon our return we were anxious to get the car into the garage and find all the things that needed work. We removed the engine, transmission, and transaxle. After making a list of what we could tell was wrong, we made contact with Clark's Corvair Parts and so work began. Our plan right now is to get the car up and running in good mechanical and electrical condition so that we may enjoy it prior to a full body restoration. The plan is to make the exterior that of a Yenko Stinger tribute car. I love how the original Stingers look. We are only able to work on the car a little at a time because of our work schedules, so the car sits in the driveway and is quite a conversation piece for neighbors and visitors, all very interested of course.

When asked, we tell the story of how our interest in cars began. My Mother owned a Corvair; she does not remember the year and I was too young at the time to remember. There was a day in particular that I recall very well. After a shopping trip with Mom, my siblings and I were following her into our house. As I said, I was quite young and as I crawled up the porch steps, the Corvair made a sound that caused me to turn my head. As I looked,

the engine compartment was ablaze. I struggled to open the screen door and yelled to my Mom that something was wrong with her car. She called my dad, an auto body man, at work, before calling the fire department. Alas, the Corvair was a total loss.

As for Jeff's story, he remembers his Dad telling stories of working on both Chevys and Corvairs at a Chevrolet dealership and even more stories when he ran his own independent repair shop in the 1970s.

Jeff and I feel that our compatibility may in part be due to the fact that both our fathers made their living repairing automobiles. Jeff continues in this line of work as a GM World Class Technician. Yet to him, the Corvair engine is an animal of a different breed. We both look forward to learning as we go.

We have joined both CORSA and WPCC. In the first three months of our WPCC membership we were able to attend a meeting where we met other enthusiasts and obtained past issues of the CORSA Communique. We are learning not only technical information but just how passionate Corvair owners are. As CORSA members we receive current issues of the Communique and are happy to see that they continue to provide technical information along with what can only be described as a cause to continue to preserve Corvairs and their history. So, we say "thank you" to those who take the time to prepare the information and remain involved so that newer members like Jeff and I may learn about and enjoy Corvairs.

At the Holiday Party I asked new WPCC member, Darlene Kady, to write the story of her interest in Corvairs, and this is it. Thanks Darlene. ed.

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