

# The Vair Street Journal

The Newsletter of the Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club

March/April 2013



INTERNET IMAGE

Above:  
1963 Corvair  
Monza Convertible

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Next Meeting:  
**May 28, 2013**

King's Restaurant - Harmarville  
5 Alpha Drive E • Pittsburgh 15238  
Dinner at 6:30 Meeting at 7:30



Never forget  
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# February 23, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes

**Officers Present:**

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

**Board Members Present:**

Don Baker  
 Don Cekus  
 Bob Hieber  
 Steve Puskas  
 Jim Madden

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Steigerwaldt.

Jim Heatherington's treasurer's report showed a balance of \$2259.96. Another \$500, paid as a deposit for the Dayton event, will be returned to the account as participants pay for the event. The report included the breakdown of income/expenses

for the holiday party. This year the amount subsidizes by the club amounted to \$263.00. There are 35 paid members and fourteen members have yet to renew their membership for 2013.

The president passed along a message from the newsletter editor that information needs to get to him in a timely manor.

Jim Heatherington reported that he is busy planning an event for the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America for the week of May 12th. The tours run out of Sharon, PA and include visits to attractions in Franklin, Titusville, Columbiana, OH, Portersville, and Volant. The cost is \$149.00 per person and participants must be members of VCCA. Contact Jim if interested.

Jim Steigerwaldt asked about the

status of CORSA's plan for the \$3.00 charge for non CORSA members. The secretary has heard nothing yet.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to the tentative schedule of events for 2013.

Don Cekus will get the date for the Victory Hill Car Show.

Don Baker distributed Vintage Grand Prix pamphlets and discussed the events.

See tentative schedule below:

Respectively submitted,  
 Pat Greenwald



Secretary

## 2013 Events Schedule

Mar	24	Maple Festival and Car Show	Meyersdale, PA
	27	Member Meeting	North Park Club House
May	12-15	Vintage Chevy Car Club Tour	Jim Heatherington
	28	Member Meeting	King's in Harmarville
Jun	22	Meadowcroft Village	Steve Puskas
Jul	7-14	Vintage Grand Prix	
	16-20	CORSA National Convention	Kalamazoo, MI
	23	Member Meeting	North Park Club House
Aug	?	Blueberry Trip	
	?	Victory Hill Car Show	Don Cekus
	24	Butler Antique Car Club Rally	Steve Puskas
	?	Picnic	
Sep	14	Johnny Appleseed Festival	Lisbon, OH Bob Hieber
	24	Member Meeting	King's in Harmarville
	28-29	Wine Tour	Erie, PA or NY Jim Madden
Oct.	4-6	Air Force Museum	Dayton, Ohio Al Friend
Nov.	26	Member Meeting	North Park Club House
Jan.	12, 2014	Holiday Party	Grant's Bar Jim Madden

# March 26 Member Meeting Minutes

## Officers Present:

Jim Steigerwaldt, *President*  
John Gundlach, *Vice President*  
Pat Greenwald, *Secretary*

## Board Members Present:

Don Baker  
Don Cekus  
Al Friend  
Steve Puskas  
Charles Lucas, *Journal Editor*

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Steigerwaldt.

The minutes of the February 23rd board meeting were approved.

Jim Heatherington's treasurer's report showed a balance of \$2,299.56.

The president congratulated Luke on another fine issue of the newsletter

and the redesign of the masthead.

Al Friend thanked Luke for his help with the Dayton trip. He revealed that 19 of the 25 rooms blocked for the event were booked. He had them add three more rooms and encouraged people not yet booked to do it soon. Al talked about some of the things we will see at the Air Museum and in the Dayton area. Among them is the C141 Hanoi Taxi that flew the POWs out of N. Vietnam, the Packard Museum, and Yellow Springs on the way home.

Al also talked about a DVD that he plans to bring for showing at the July meeting. It contains pictures from the 1973 Nationals and a trip that WPCC took with the Antique club

on the occasion of our club's 20th anniversary.

Don Cekus does not yet have a date for the Victory Hill Car Show.

Tim Desmond stated that the best time for the blueberry trip would be from the third week of July to the first week of August.

Luke passed along a message from Charlotte Hamlin that she really appreciates getting the newsletter and says "hi to all".

Respectively submitted,  
Pat Greenwald

*Pat Greenwald*  
secretary

# Volunteers Wanted at the CORSA Convention

**WPCC Secretary, Pat Greenwald, received and forwarded to me an e-mail message to be communicated to our membership. I have forwarded it via e-mail and am publishing it in the Vair Street Journal as well. The message from the West Michigan Corvair Club is as follows:**

Greetings fellow Corvair clubs,

As I'm sure you are aware, West Michigan Corvair Club is hosting this year's convention. We are a small club and our members have been putting in long hours organizing this event.

One thing is certain about a CORSA Convention - you can expect good times with good friends and a good dose of camaraderie among fellow Corvair enthusiasts. There are a lot of events and activities packed into a fairly short period of time and all of them take a significant number people to run smoothly.

We need volunteers! Assistance from you and your club members would be greatly appreciated. Would you be willing to put out a plea for help to your members? Attached are two clip arts that you can use in your member newsletter. An e-mail campaign to your members would also be helpful. We created an electronic Volunteer Sign-up Page to make it easy for everyone to select a time-slot or two at an event or function that interests you:

[www.vairiation2013.com](http://www.vairiation2013.com)

We truly thank you.

West Michigan Corvair Club

John Koning

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## **CORSA International Convention July 16-20 Kalamazoo Michigan**

West Michigan Corvair Club is finalizing plans for the annual Corvair Convention. We need you! Many volunteers are needed for VAIRous positions during this event. Please consider lending a hand.

**No experience necessary!**

Volunteer online: [variations2013.com/volunteer](http://variations2013.com/volunteer)  
or call John Koning: 616-482-7036



**We need YOU!**

# Wright Patterson-Dayton, Ohio Trip Update

## How the B-36 Bomber Touched Two of Your Tour Committee's Lives:

by Al Friend

The B-36 bomber pictured at right became known as "**THE PEACEMAKER**" because it never fired a shot in anger. During those terrible early years of the Cold War, B-36 and B-47 crews stood 24/7 ground nuclear alert, along with armed airborne alert. While we practiced ducking under our desks at school, the Soviet Union heard the newly formed Strategic Air Command's (SAC) message loud and clear!

My first encounter with a B-36 happened as a high school kid at the South Park swimming pool. One flew directly over the park at low level, perhaps heading for a Pirate game flyover at Forbes Field. Everyone in the pool area stood in awe as the huge bomber thundered overhead. Six roaring piston engines and four screaming jet engines pushed the airplane toward its destination!

As it disappeared over the horizon, it hit me like a ton of bricks. "When I grow up, I have to be part of that world", I thought. Since it required a college degree to be accepted into Air Force flight training, my work was cut out for me. This incident along with the Soviet's beating us into space,



A B-36 wheel assembly. Note the person standing to the left of the wheel.



A Convair B-36 Peacemaker Bomber in flight. Note the six rear-facing piston engines and the two forward-facing sets of double jet engines

improved this class clown's study habits dramatically, and my report cards began to show it, culminating in a seven year career as a B-52 bomber radar navigator.

Western PA Region AACA member Clay Stoner, who has volunteered to act as the "supply sergeant" for our hospitality suite at the Hope Hotel was also touched by the huge B-36 bomber. In 1954 this gentleman began a very interesting tour of duty at Carswell AFB, Texas, a Strategic Air Command base. After a stint to Nouasseur AFB in Casablanca, French Morocco, he joined the 77th Air Police Squadron at Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico. For an entire year, Clay guarded (you guessed it) B-36 bombers on nuclear alert.

Then into law enforcement, on his way to becoming a desk sergeant. Then off to North Africa during a period of local uprisings against French rule. Finally leaving the Air Force in 1958 to hitch up with Marilyn, and to get into the old car hobby. Be sure to stop by the hospitality suite in October to have a beer while thanking Clay for his service to our country. Help me pry a few stories about Casablanca out of him, along with some of his remembrances of the massive B-36, while standing under the one at the museum!

Another name we should mention, who worked as a supply sergeant, manning the Pittsburgh Nike sites during those "Cold War" days is Jim Heatherington. He along with many others helped to get the SAC message to the Russians

As of early May there are 26 rooms reserved and the hotel still can enlarge our block further, if needed. Please consider joining us in October. Call the Hope Hotel at 937-879-2696 and request a room from the Corvair Club block for the nights of Oct. 4 & 5. Do not book via the internet, you may get a room, but it would not be in our section of the hotel.



A remote B-36 gun turret

## *The Citizens Motor Car Company Americas Packard Museum*

*will be part of an optional tour of Dayton at the conclusion of the National U.S. Air Force Museum Tour on Sunday, October 6th*



About 115 years ago the Packard automobile was born out of anger when William Doud Packard purchased a horseless carriage from Cleveland auto maker, Alexander Winton. On the way home, the Winton horseless carriage broke down

several times. When Packard complained to Winton about the craftsmanship, Winton retorted, "make your own car!" And so William Doud Packard and his brother James Ward Packard founded the Ohio Automobile Company, which later became the Packard Motor Car Company.

Packard automobiles were innovative and built to high quality standards. They were the

first American cars to feature a steering wheel rather than a tiller, and the first to feature air conditioning in 1940. Eventually the Packard became the American "Rolls Royce". It was a symbol of prestige and the pride of Presidents, movie stars and the wealthy, until its merger with Studebaker and ultimate end in 1958



*The Packard Museum building*

The Packard Motor Car Company comes to life again in America's Packard Museum. The museum was founded in 1992 by Dayton attorney and long-time car collector Bob Signom. Located in the original Packard Dealership Building which was built in 1917, the museum has officially taken the name of the original dealership - The Citizens Motorcar Company - but has become known as "America's Packard Museum". The January 1998 edition of Car Collector magazine named the museum one of the "Top Ten" Museums in The United States. In 2004, the Society of Automotive Historians conferred the prestigious James J. Bradley Award upon the Museum for its exemplary efforts in preserving motor vehicle resource materials. Only six other U.S. museums have received the Bradley Award.

Signom brought The Citizens Motorcar Company "back to life," as the only restored Packard dealership operating as a museum. The museum features over 50 automobiles on display in the restored Art Deco showroom, service department and pavilion. In addition, significant artifacts from the Packard Motorcar Company are on display. The museum has become a popular destination for travelers and residents alike. In 1993 the museum was acknowledged by the Montgomery County Historical Society with its Annual Award for restoration of

a commercial building. The museum's neighborhood has been named Dayton's Motorcar District.

In 1993 Packard Automobile Classics (The Packard Club) relocated its headquarters from Oakland, California to the Dayton museum. In June, 1996, the Wright Brothers Region of PAC, in Dayton, hosted the Packard National Meet, with multiple events at the Museum, which attracted more than 400 Packard enthusiasts from across the US, Canada, Australia, Switzerland, and the UK. The PAC office is today located in Columbus, Ohio. America's Packard Museum is an Affiliate Organization of The Packard Club.

It is a Section 501 (c)(3) organization under the Internal Revenue Code whose mission is to educate present and future generations about the Packard Motor Car Company, its products and philosophies.



*The Packard Museum showroom*

## Save Money for Your Corvair Club

### Here's how you can help if you're currently receiving the Journal via USPS mail.

If you receive the *Vair Street Journal* in paper form via the United States Postal Service (USPS), because you do not wish to reveal your e-mail address, please consider this:

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You can save WPCC dollars by forwarding your e-mail address to me so that I can send you a color copy of the *Journal* via the internet. If you feel then that you must have a paper copy to hold in your hands, output it on your printer. Print it in B&W; you'll have already seen it in color.

Consider this as well—with the last issue, I learned that the

(USPS) mail processing machines are mangling the *Journals* to the point, that only the address page made it to some mail boxes.

Please think about this and forward your e-mail address to me at [chaslucas@gmail.com](mailto:chaslucas@gmail.com) Thank you.

**My apologies to those who do not have a computer.** ed.

## For Sale



(above & left)

Set of four 1964, 13" Corvair wire wheel covers. All have some "curb" abrasions along the outer rim edges. One of the chrome dishes beneath the spinner has minor pitting. Considering they're almost 50 years old, they look very nice at \$500.

(at right)  
NOS left & right 1963/1964 Corvair headlight bezels in their original GM packaging. Very nice at \$90 each.

Contact Charles Lucas at 412-462-6735  
or at [chaslucas@gmail.com](mailto:chaslucas@gmail.com)  
about the wire wheel covers and/or  
headlight bezels



From: Dick & Marie Dandois  
Sent: Saturday, April 13, 2013 10:40 AM  
Corvair

Saw the following in the Horse Trader: For sale 1965 Chevy Corvair Monza • 2nd owner • Restored with new Corvair parts in 2000. • Price \$6,000 or best reasonable offer. • Serious buyers only • Call 724 335 8387 OR 412 596-2497

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