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Corvairing*



1960 Corvair 700

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Next Meeting:

July 31, 2012

Kings Restaurant - Harmarville

5 Alpha Drive E • Pittsburgh, PA 15238

Dinner at 6:30 • Meeting at 7:30

The Picnic at Gundlachs



The picnickers at Gundlachs: Row 1: Jim Heatherington, Joan & Bill Artzberger, Jim Steigerwaldt, Charles Lucas. Row 2: Emma Hricsina, (granddaughter to Joan Artzberger), Les Walter, Dolly Izzo, Mary Ellen & Don Cekus, Louise Duva, John Gundlach. Row 3: Gayle Gundlach, Stephen Puskas, Laura Gundlach, Pat Greenwald, Jim Madden, Suzanne Heatherington, Don Baker .



Dolly Izzo and Mary Ellen Cekus listen to Bill Duncan as he answers a question about his elk.

Nineteen folks made the trip to Butler County for the June 9th early summer picnic at John & Gayle Gundlach's home on McKay Road in Saxonburg. The day was rather warm but there was plenty of shade to help cool the body down.

At a little past 3:00, all but three or four of us carpooled over to the Duncan Elk farm where we were treated to Bill Duncan's interesting and certainly educational discourse on his experiences raising elk.

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At 4:00, Bill's wife, Jean hopped on an ATV and road out into the far end of their pasture with the intention of herding the elk back to where we were waiting to see them. After many, many attempts to head them in our direction, she finally gave up. Yes, it was a warm day and the elk could not be convinced to leave the shelter of the trees where they were happily cooling it. C'est la vie!

After thanking Bill and Jean for their

graciousness, we were in our cars and down the road to Gundlachs. It was 5:00, time for dinner.

In addition to what Gayle had prepared for the hungry guests, each person or couple had brought something to add to the food table. Along with the hot dogs and sausages, there was plenty of wonderful dishes and desserts to please everyone.

Being with Corvair people is always a pleasure and lots of fun. Our sincere thanks go to John and Gayle for hosting a wonderful afternoon.

March 27th, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Officers Present:

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

Board Members Present:

Don Cekus
Bob Hieber
Stephen Puskas
Jim Madden
Charles Lucas, *Journal Editor*

The meeting was called to order by President John Gundlach.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Jim Heatherington's treasurer's report showed a balance of \$2909.93.

Jim Heatherington reported on the Chevy Happy Days Tour. The well organized tour had 23 cars but only one Corvair. The group traveled from Ohio into Michigan and toured a steering wheel factory. On the trip home the trunk lid of Jim's car flew up and hit the windshield while traveling at 50 mph. Luckily Jim was able to guide the car safely to the side of the road.

Gayle Gundlach discussed details for the June 9th picnic. It will start at 2:00 with a trip to the nearby elk farm at 3:00 for those interested. Bring whatever you like to add to the food table and plan to eat at 5:00

A show of hands showed that the only people planning to attend the CORSA Convention are Don and Mary Ellen Cekus, Pat Greenwald, Dolly Izzo, and maybe Steve Puskas.

Don Cekus announced that the date for the Victory Hill Car Show is Saturday, August 4th. Times are from 10:00 until 3:00.

Steve Puskas went to the May National Pike Steam Show. He said it's a good place to buy tools.

Jim Madden reported that he does not yet have the itinerary for the August 18th wine trip.

Bob Hieber is still working out the details for the trip to the Apple Festival in Lisbon, OH for September 15th.

John Gundlach is planning a scenic tour of the Franklin and Foxburg area for October 13th. He expects that we will be eating in Foxburg after visiting Franklin.

Jim Madden will set up the January 13, 2013 party with Grant's Bar.

John informed the members that the annual Antique Car Show & Parade at Idlewild is July 9 – 13.

A discussion followed concerning whether or not we need to define a policy for funeral flowers. The issue was tabled until a future meeting. Respectively submitted,


Pat Greenwald, Secretary

TRUNK AJAR

by Suzanne Heatherington

Editor's note: "TRUNK AJAR" is a warning signal you would never expect to see in a Corvair, mainly because no one thought about such things in the 1960s, at least not for Corvairs.

Last year I made a trip for a week-long icon painting retreat to Dalton, PA (near Scranton) in Sarah's 2007 Pontiac G5. I think I was half way across the state when I noticed that the TRUNK AJAR light was on. Apparently I put my luggage in the trunk but didn't slam the trunk lid hard enough to lock it shut. No big deal, the trunk is in the back of the car and I took care of it on my stop for lunch.

As she has done in the past, Suzanne Heatherington wrote about an experience that she and her husband Jim lived through on their return trip home from Sylvania, Ohio. TRUNK AJAR.

On May 18 Jim and I packed the Corvair to leave the 2012 Happy Days Chevy Tour in Sylvania, Ohio. We had spent five wonderful days touring, with other 1955-1985 Chevies, around Toledo and southern Michigan, but we were eager to get home. I loaded the trunk and the lid closed on the first try—a first itself—and I considered it a good omen. We set off.

As we got onto the limited-access Route 23-South, heading towards the I-475 bypass around Toledo, we revved up to about 50 mph. **KABAM!** We could not see anything out of the windshield. The

trunk lid had flown open, blown up against the roof, and splatted there, a door instead of a window. Jim hit the brakes and eased to the right. I used the passenger window to guide him onto the berm. Traffic was light, fortunately, and we safely got onto the shoulder.

I jumped out and grabbed the trunk lid to pull it back down, to no avail. The lid itself was sprung and bent; the hinge on the passenger side was broken completely and the one on the driver's side was twisted. What to do?

A service-type van pulled in behind us. It was a state-certified vehicle carrying Steve Wallace, auto

mechanic extraordinaire. Mr. Wallace is a member of the Ohio Statewide Freeway Service Patrol, a service of the Ohio Department of Transportation, which patrols state highways to help motorists in need. Steve was impressed with our 1968 Corvair, but not so impressed that he lost track of the main job, which was to get this particular car off the berm and safely on its way. He maneuvered the unbroken hinge and got the trunk lid closed. He even engaged the safety latch and secured the trunk lid so we could get back home. Reluctant now to drive at turnpike speeds, we drove

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on secondary roads. They were beautiful, but we couldn't really enjoy the scenery for worry about that damaged lid. A five hour drive became ten hours.

Jim called Don Cekus who agreed to see what could be done. We were grateful, partly because we wanted to get the car fixed and partly because all our clothes were still in that darned trunk! Saturday morning, Don showed up, yet even a crowbar couldn't open the trunk lid. Don is nothing if not clever, and he took out the driver's side headlight assembly, along with its connections and the bucket that holds it, reached into the trunk and released the trunk's safety latch. What a guy!

We got the lid off, got out our stuff, and we're already halfway to getting our Corvair back on the road. We feel fortunate that the accident had no serious consequences and that, with Don's help and expertise, we'll be touring again in no time.



Jim Heatherington's Corvair after Don Cekus removed the trunk lid. Notice that there was no damage to the windshield even though the Corvair was traveling at about 50 miles per hour when the trunk lid suddenly blew open. However, along with the hinges, there was damage to the cowl just in front of the windshield.



Access to the trunk lid's safety latch was gained through the headlamp assembly opening.

WPCC PAST PRESIDENTS SINCE 1980

1980	Dick Brier	1997	Don Cekus
1981	Wayne Rockhill*	1998	Stephen Puskas
1982	laadore Krouse*	1999	Charles Lucas
1983	Bob Larison*	2000	Jim Heatherington
1984	Archie Miller*	2001	Wayne Rockhill*
1985	Bob McCune*	2002	Jim Heatherington
1986	Bill Brill*	2003	Don Cekus
1987	Dale Smith	2004	Stephen Puskas
1988	Bob Hieber	2005	Don Cekus
1989	Al Friend	2006	Jim Heatherington
1990	Laurie Maglietta	2007	Don Cekus
1991	Daver Fabyonic	2008	Jim Steigerwaldt
1992	Wayne Jones*	2009	Jim Steigerwaldt
1993	Don Baker	2010	Jim Steigerwaldt
1994	Al Friend	2011	Jim Madden
1995	John Gundlach	2012	John Gundlach
1996	Bob Hieber		

*Deceased

Thanks to Al Friend for compiling this list

For Sale: 1964 Corvair Turbo Charger — George Roman: 724-452-6311 (Harmony, PA)

2012 Events Schedule

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	COORDINATOR
July 31	Member Meeting - King's Restaurant	Harmarville, PA	
Aug 4	Victory Hill Car Show 10:00 a.m. – 3:00p.m.	Monongahela, PA	Don Cekus
Aug 10–12	National Pike Steam, Gas & Horse Assoc. 32nd Annual Show	Brownsville, PA	
Aug 18	Erie Wine Country Tour	Erie, PA	Jim Madden
Sept 15	Apple Festival	Lisbon, OH	Bob Hieber
Sept 25	Member Meeting - N. Park Lounge Clubhouse	Butler, PA	
Oct 13	Scenic Tour	Franklin & Foxburg, PA	
Nov 27	Member Meeting - King's Restaurant	Harmarville, PA	
Jan 13, 2013	Holiday Party - Grant Bar & Lounge	Millvale, PA	John Gundlach

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The Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club Wants You

Dues are \$12 per year or one dollar per month for each remaining month after January. Example: If you join at the end of April, your dues would be \$8. This however, only applies in the year that you first join.

Become a member by completing the application below. Send it along with a check (payable to WPCC) in the amount of your initial dues, to:

Jim Heatherington • 128 Sharp Road • White Oak, PA 15131

Regular Bimonthly Meetings take place on the 4th Tuesday of the following months: March, May, July, September and November. The annual Holiday Party takes place near the beginning of January. The restaurant location where an upcoming meeting takes place will appear on the first page of the *Vair Street Journal*, the bimonthly publication of WPCC. If you care to join us for dinner on meeting nights, we start at 6:30 p.m. The meeting follows at 7:30. You may also visit us at: <http://www.corvair.org/chapters/wpcc>

Name _____ Age _____ Occupation _____

Address _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Date _____

CORSA Member? Yes No No. of Corvairs owned _____ Model & Year of each _____

Recommended by _____ Other car clubs _____

e-mail address _____ Married Yes No Spouse's name if married _____

Additional information about yourself (optional) _____

Syria Shriners Motor Corps

On Sunday, August 19th the Syria Shriners Motor Corps will be holding our Seventeenth Annual Motor Show on the grounds of the Syria Mosque located just off Rt. 28 in Cheswick, PA. As always, the show will be professionally judged with 34 classes of vehicles and three trophies awarded for each class. Additionally, trophies will be awarded for Best of Show and Peoples Choice.

Food and drink will be available, we have a great DJ for music, and Shrine Clowns will provide additional entertainment making for a great day of fun.

I am enclosing several registration flyers. Should you need more, please feel free to make photocopies of telephone me at 724-263-1778.

We hope to see some of our members on August 19th.

Mike Aaron