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The Covered Bridges of Greene County



DON BAKER PHOTO

Diane Steigerwaldt, left, and Louise Duva enjoy a contemplative moment at the portal of Scott Bridge in Greene County, Pennsylvania, on October 8, 2011

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Never Forget 09-11-01

Next Party:
Sunday, January 8, 2012

Grant Bar and Lounge
Grant Avenue, Millvale, PA 15209
The fun begins at 2:30. We'll be looking for you!



November 22, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Officers Present:

Jim Madden, *President*
 Don Cekus, *Vice President*
 Pat Greenwald, *Secretary*
 Jim Heatherington, *Treasurer*

Board Members Present:

Don Baker
 Bob Hieber
 Steve Puskas
 Jim Steigerwaldt
 Charles Lucas, *Journal Editor*

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Madden.

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

Jim Heatherington's treasurer's report showed a current balance of \$2,855.69. Jim announced that he was accepting dues for 2012.

Jim Madden stated that the cost of the January 8th party would be the same as last year, \$20 per person. With a motion by Jim Heatherington, a second by Don Cekus, and a vote of the members present, it was approved that the club will subsidize the cost above \$20 and pay for the hors-d'oeuvres.

Charles Lucas received an e-mail asking that Connie Rising be removed from the mailing list. She is currently in a nursing home. Also, Jean Larrison, widow of WPCC past president Bob Larrison, has died.

Luke brought up the subject of WPCC on the internet. A discussion followed concerning the benefits of using e-mail, Facebook, or a club website. Rod Murray and Helen Butalla have been encouraging the club to make use of Facebook and/or a website. Helen has already set up an account on Facebook. Suzanne Heatherington stated that a club website

could attract new members. The president suggested that we continue this discussion at the next meeting.

Luke checked out another possible meeting place. The Eat'n Park at The Waterfront can provide a private room. He also asked that the next board meeting be held in a private room. Noisy rooms make for difficulty in hearing everyone's ideas.

Les Walter has 2 Corvair shop manuals for sale.

Pat Greenwald raised the topic of the CORSA chapter fee of \$3 per non CORSA member. This fee is to cover insurance that CORSA provides each chapter for events. Jim Heatherington suggested a raise to \$15 for all members and that we pay the fee out of the club treasury. Jim Steigerwaldt made a motion that we charge CORSA members \$12 and non CORSA members \$12 plus the CORSA assessment, currently \$3. The motion was seconded by Vince Duva and passed by the members present. This change will go into effect in 2013.

Al Friend asked about the location of the club's Corporation Papers. Jim Heatherington will check.

Jim Madden congratulated Bob Hieber and Les Walter on a great Covered Bridge Tour. Luke requested a report for the newsletter.

Don Baker announced that the Vintage Grand Prix raised \$200,000 for charity this year.

Jim Heatherington reminded members to send checks for dues to him and checks for the Holiday Party to Jim Madden.

Respectfully submitted



Pat Greenwald

**Don't forget to write
 that check for your
 WPCC Annual
 Membership Dues**

Jim Heatherington, our treasurer, wants to remind members that 2012 dues are due by December 31, 2011. If you have not yet done so, please send your check promptly.

Dues are only \$12 per year. Please make your check payable to WPCC and mail to:

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

The Covered Bridges of Greene County

story by Bob Hieber with photos by Don Baker (unless marked otherwise)

Saturday October 8, 2011, dawned bright, crisp and clear, the perfect fall day to travel through the hills and valleys of Western Pennsylvania to see fall foliage and some old covered bridges. Our meeting place was the McDonald's Restaurant at the intersection of I-79 and I-70 at 1:00 p.m. Leaving my house by noon should allow me ample time to get there with plenty of time to spare.

As I rounded the curve at the Kirwin Heights exit of I-79, it looked as if traffic was backed up almost to a stop. Just into the exit, it did stop.

"I wonder what's going on down the road," I thought. A few seconds later my cell phone rang. It's Don Cekus calling to let me know traffic is stopped and maybe I should consider an alternate route. He was a short distance ahead of me and had not moved for several minutes. Who could guess that PennDot would close I-79 in the middle of the day for routine maintenance.



Traffic is halted for routine maintenance

INTERNET PHOTO



Stephen Puskas and his friend Ed Verbeke are ready for the covered bridge tour

We arrived at McDonald's about 45 minutes late and found that several other Corvairs were still en route and would be late as well. By 2:15 p.m. it looked as

if everyone was in place. Without further ado, the tour began with nine Corvairs and one water pumper.

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INTERNET IMAGE

The Covered Bridges of Greene County



The covered bridge group takes a break to stretch their legs and enjoy the beauty of rustic Greene County



Cox Farm Bridge

Traffic was light and we were able to enjoy the scenery while winding thru the back country to Cox Farm Bridge, our first stop. When we arrived, we were greeted by a crew that was ready to shut down the road to allow an oversized load to pass. The rig was headed to a gas drilling site. Greene county is alive with drilling and pipe line construction. We assured the crew that we would move at a moments notice if necessary; we just wanted to spend a little time at the bridge.



Woods Bridge

Our next stop was the Woods Bridge. This bridge is located off a little used road that was not in very good condition. After stopping for a brief walk and some pictures, we were off to the next bridge. Our time at Woods Bridge was abbreviated because we had to make up for lost time due to the unavoidable late start.



Shriver Bridge

The Shriver Bridge was our next stop. Although well hidden, every one managed to find it. There were several alerts along the roadside for turkeys and other wild game. And speaking of the roadside; the scenery along this leg of the journey was by far the very best we had seen.

The Covered Bridges of Greene County



Par Greenwald eases through Scott Bridge



Some of the covered bridge group pose at Carmichaels Bridge.
From L to R: Mary Ellen & Don Cekus, Pat Greenwald, Vince & Louise Duva,
Bob Hieber, Steve Puskas, Les Walter, Jim Madden and Toots & Ken Cekus.



Scott Bridge

The next stop was Scott Bridge. We found parking there to be very limited, but after turning around in the road to head back, Don Baker took the opportunity to get some nice pictures of our Corvairs crossing the bridge.

We had to back track through Waynesburg in order to continue on to Carmichaels, PA, for our last bridge and an anxiously awaited dinner.



Carmichaels Bridge

We soon arrived at the Carmichaels Bridge. This bridge is probably in the best condition of the five we saw, but unfortunately, is surrounded by private property. After parking along the main road we took a short walk back to the bridge. We commented how this was a covered bridge but incorporated modern materials to support the roadway and hold the structure together.

Not far from Carmichaels Bridge, we parked on the town circle and nearby streets for the dinner stop at the Hartley Inn. This Inn was a pleasant surprise. The wait staff handled our crowd well and the food was very good and reasonably priced. The Saturday special was a 12 oz. Porterhouse steak with sides for, I think, \$11.95 — well worth the money.

We left the Inn and found our way back to I-79 for a late evening drive back home.

Editor's note: Many thanks to Bob Hieber for taking time to write this story and as I have said so many time before, thanks to Don Baker, our man behind the camera.

A SPECIAL REPORT

From Helen Butalla



Meet Helen Butalla, WPCCs Facebook Administrator and Web Master

WHEN I WAS GIVEN THE go ahead by Charles Lucas, I created a Facebook group called "Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club". To date, we have nine members in the group. It is an open group so that anyone having a Facebook account can see the group, who is in it, and what members have posted. Anyone wishing to join the group must request to join the group and an administrator will have to add the person. Right now, all members of the group can add other members.

For the website, Charles suggested that I work with Rod Murray to get the website up and running. Rod has been a great help in providing me with information and suggestions on what to put on the website. Rod also pointed me in the right direction to contact CORSA to get an account as our website is being housed on CORSA's server.

Once the account was set up and a password created, I was able to create a website called "Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club". I have been working with Harry Jensen, Executive Secretary of CORSA and Bryan Blackwell, who is in charge of CORSA's infrastructure via e-mail. Both of these guys have been a great help to me when I had questions and when their server was down.

An update on the Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club's Website and Facebook Group

Our website is located at:
<http://www.corvair.org/chapters/wpcc>

I also worked with CORSA to get our url* into the database. There are several pages on CORSA's server when a user can search their database and find a Corvair club within the area.

I have had other input from some of our club members; namely: Suzanne Heatherington, Les Walter, Mike Aaron and Emerick Buccigrossi.

I think the website is a good start. To allow me to do some neat and interesting things with our information, I have ordered new software. As of this writing that software has not arrived.

What do we need at this point?

- Pictures of member's cars.
- Updating the Contact Us page. What members should receive e-mail. For example, a form will be posted asking a user their name, e-mail address, phone number and a comment. Once the form is filled out, who should get the information.

* URL is the abbreviation of Uniform Resource Locator. It is the global address of documents and other resources on the World Wide Web.

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○ Indicates dues paid for 2012

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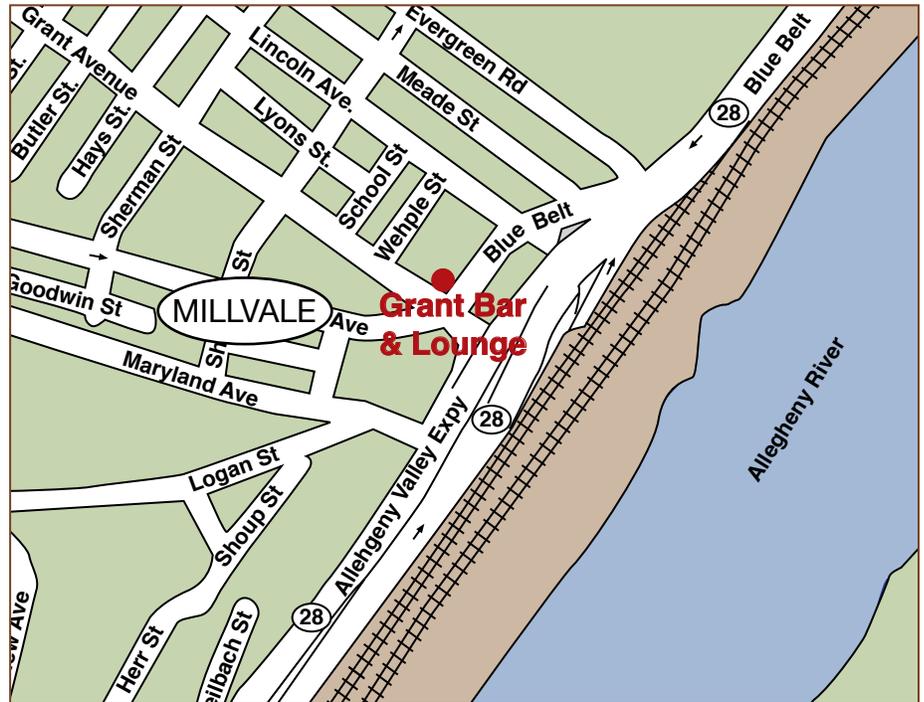
Holiday Party In Brief

Our annual Holiday Party will take place at the Grant Bar & Lounge, located at 114 Grant Street, in Millvale, PA 15209.

The per person cost for dinner is only \$20. Please make checks payable to WPCC and mail by January 1, 2012 to: Jim Madden, 323 Stanton Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15209.

You will order your entree at Grant's from a selection of four choices. There will also be a cash bar, Gift Exchange and Chinese Auction.

Gift Exchange—If you care to be in the gift exchange, bring a \$10 gift, wrapped and marked for a “Man” or a “Woman”, or if the gift is appropriate for either sex, please mark it “Either”. Everyone receives a number. When your number is drawn, you choose a gift; you may keep the gift or trade for another persons’ gift, hoping that another person doesn’t take it later. Lots of fun.



Chinese Auction—Bring along anything you care to donate to the club. Tickets are sold for the items with one ticket drawn for each item. Proceeds go to the WPCC.

- 2:30 - 3:30 Meet and Greet / Cash Bar
- 3:30 - 5:00 Gift Exchange / Start Chinese Auction
- 5:00 - 6:00 Dinner
- 6:00 - Finish Chinese Auction

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