

HOT AIR

the newsletter of the delaware valley corvair club, inc. "del val vairs"

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NEXT MEETING:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2007

**AMWELL VALLEY DINER
ROUTE 31, RINGOES, NEW JERSEY
7:30 P.M.**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR DINNER BEFORE THE MEETING.

ALL MEETINGS FEATURE A CORVAIR CAR SHOW IN THE PARKING LOT BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER THE MEETING. PLEASE DRIVE YOUR CORVAIR TO THE MEETING, WEATHER PERMITTING.

FROM THE PRESIDENT *by Phil Androvett*

I would like to thank everyone (I think!) for their vote of confidence by electing me to the office of President. I will do my best to represent the club and it's members. We all owe Ron Peles a show of gratitude for his hard work and dedication over the past two years! (I have some BIG shoes to fill!) Thank you Ron ! I look forward to working with our returning officers Rod Rakos, and Glenn Greenwood.

My wife MaryAnn and I are relatively "new comers" to DeValVairs. We really appreciate the way the members made us feel welcome. We had a great time at the Holiday party. It was good to see so many members in attendance. We should have more parties in the future. I hope everyone had a nice holiday season with family and friends. The highlight of our Holiday was attending a benefit for the injured soldiers from the war that are on medical hold at Fort Dix. At the party our friend and fellow member Don Smieszek was presented an award by Vietnam Veterans of America chapter 899, for "Member of the Year." For all of you who know Don, this was well deserved! Congratulations, Don!

I would like to wish everyone a Happy & Healthy NEW YEAR. We have a lot of work to do in the upcoming months to prepare for our spring car show. There were some great ideas and a lot of positive comments at our last meeting. I love the enthusiasm; this is what will make the show a success! My goals for the new year are to add new members to the club, add money to the treasury, drive our Corvairs and have fun! Hopefully together we can get this done! Please don't be afraid to bring up suggestions or new ideas at our monthly meetings, all comments are welcome. See you at the next meeting!

BARRETT-JACKSON

Speed TV will again broadcast the Barrett-Jackson auction from Scottsdale, Arizona. Events start January 13, and the collector car auction begins January 16, and runs through January 21, 2007. Speed TV will start broadcasting on Tuesday, January 16. Over 1,100 cars are consigned, all at no reserve.

Two Corvairs have been consigned, and hopefully, will be shown on TV. First, Lot no. 303 is a 1968 Monza Convertible, 140 h.p. , 4-speed car, black outside and red inside. Barrett-Jackson bought this car to sell at the auction. The car has atrocious wide white wall tires, but otherwise looks pretty nice. The engine compartment, however, needs lots of detailing, something atypical for Barrett Jackson.

Second, Lot 636 will have Don Smieszek on a plane to Scottsdale. Lot 636 is a 1969 model 500 coupe with only fourteen (14) miles! It appears to be a 110 / 3-speed car, blue on blue. The dealer prep sheet and protect-o-plate have never been used. Barrett-Jackson says original paint, tires, belts, hoses, filters, shocks, etc. (original air in the tires?) Don, this is your chance! Is this the holy grail of Corvairs? Don't forget, its got original o-rings, but probably never got hot enough to leak!

A Rock and Roll memorabilia auction starts on January 15. Interesting collector cars besides the two

Corvairs include Von Dutch's bus that he used as a shop, the last 1967 Corvette Sting Ray built, a 1930 Duesenberg Model J Arlington Sedan, two Dodge dream cars from the 1950s, Joie Chitwood's 1958 Corvette and Grumpy Jenkins' 1974 Vega Pro Stocker, the ultimate V-8 Vega.

Hopefully, we'll see Don with a bidder's paddle in hand trying to bring that 69 home on Speed TV. Go Don !

SAVE THE DATE

At the December meeting, discussions were held concerning a spring car show. Rod and Debbie Rakos are working on securing the grounds of the First Baptist Church in Levittown for a gala concours event of only the finest Corvairs and other cars ever to be shown at the church. The show is proposed to be held in conjunction with a craft show, which should bring out the cars and the spectators. The proposed date is May 5, 2007 with a rain date of May 12, 2007. Stay tuned to this channel for more news as it develops, or better yet, come to the January meeting!

AUTOMANIA 2007

For those with budgets slightly smaller than the Barrett-Jackson crowd, Ag Hall in Allentown, PA will again host Automania, billed as "Pennsylvania's Largest Indoor Swap Meet." Antique, classic cars and trucks, parts, memorabilia, collectibles, toys and much more as well as great fun for the whole family are promised by the promoters. Admission is \$7.00 for adults. The event runs January 19 (4-9), 20 (9-6) and 21 (9-3). This is a great way to get that rusty or greasy part "fix" we all need in the middle of winter, and besides, we need to get some exercise after being stuck in our Lazy Boys watching Barrett Jackson. Info: (717) 215-0700.

CONTRIBUTIONS, PLEASE

Your humble editor needs YOUR contributions to the newsletter. Otherwise, we will have empty, wasted space. Other newsletters fill this space with "clip art," but we're too sophisticated for that. So, if you have some information from the SEMA Action Network, or from the CORSA Board, or about some tech topic you're just aching to share with the rest of us, please send it to Ron Peles, via e-mail, snail mail, fax, pony express, federal express, Corvair express or whatever means possible.

CONVENTION 2007

The 2007 CORSA International Convention looks to be shaping up as a once in a lifetime experience. The car show and concours will be at the GM Tech Center. Tours of the GM Heritage collection, closed to the public (full of Motorama dream cars and experimental Corvairs), the Henry Ford (formerly Greenfield Village) and many other great gear head sites. How about adding some cruising on Woodward Avenue and the Walter P. Chrysler Museum as well. It's the Michigan vacation we've always dreamed about. Just being able to attend this convention is worth the price of CORSA dues. So, if you've let your membership lapse, take advantage of the \$10.00 renewal discount and mark your calendar, July 25 – 28.

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