

HOT AIR

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

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NEXT MEETING:

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2007

**LIBERTY TWO DINER
5254 U.S. HIGHWAY 130 NORTH
BORDENTOWN, 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.

CAR SHOW PREPARATIONS PROCEED

Rod and Debbie Rakos have been hard at work obtain approvals for the Car Show and Flea Market to be held May 5, 2007 (rain date May 12, 2007) at the First Baptist Church of Levittown-Fairless Hills, PA. The church authorities have formally approved the show and have jumped on the band wagon, helping with all the necessities. Real bathrooms (not plastic) and the show field have been approved. We now need sponsors to pay for the trophies. We have obtained a certificate of insurance from CORSA's insurance company. Rod will have flyers to hand out at the February meeting. Stew is attending a South Jersey car club pow wow to assure the show will be included in the Show Finder. So, be sure to save the date and plan on attending and of course, helping with parking and registration.

THE HUBUB ON PHOENIX CHARLIE by Steven J. Calandra

During my recent trip to Phoenix, Arizona, I chose to go where not too many men have gone before. I wanted to see what all the hubub was all about on the *CORSA Communique's* Open Forum with Charlie Dye and his oddly worded advertisements. It took me a while to find the correct area code, since it was incorrectly printed in the old CORSA membership roster, and to get the courage to phone him directly. I introduced myself and asked if I could stop by to chat for a while. It took some time to find the correct street, then I knocked on his door. He was very pleasant and friendly. We talked for almost an hour and a half about parts, repairs, and exchanged a few Corvair breakdown stories.

Then I asked the big question about why he had some strange wording in his ads in the *Communique*. He felt that if he went into too much detail that it would cost a lot to print so he chose key words in his description. Of course it makes more sense to me and everybody else to run one big ad instead of the same short cryptic one over and over again under different headings. But I decided not to confront him with that because I would rather be tolerant of his point of view and know him as a friend than rub him the wrong way like some others do and burn a bridge behind myself. Besides, I might need some parts from him some day if I decide to travel out west.

Charlie seems like a fairly generous guy to me, he gave me a nice pocket planner, a copy of the Corvair Junkyard Primer and a sample of some of his rust free sheet metal (the rear section of a late model belly pan in case you're wondering). Charlie lives in an average house, his yard is not cluttered with Corvairs and parts (like mine is). His stuff is at a yard about 20 miles away from his home. He's not some eccentric waving. Nor do I get the impression that he's a rip-off artist. He's just a 70 year old guy that has a lot of car stories to tell, just like most of us. We all need to take the time to understand him. Think about how you'd feel if you were in his position the next time you read more scuttlebutt about him.

(Editor's note: Charlie attended the Carlisle Convention and was selling small parts in the flea market outside. He seemed to me to be a nice gentleman, and I was impressed he came all the way from Phoenix to attend the convention. His ads are cleverly designed to get your attention.)

FROM THE PRESIDENT by *Phil Androvett*

Well I made it through my first meeting and you didn't impeach me! A lot of changes for the club in the new year. Our meeting place will be alternating between the Amwell Valley Diner (we appreciate their support) and various other locations over the next few months. We will list meeting locations and dates in our newsletter.

Our upcoming car show this spring will be on May 5, thanks to Rod and Debbie Rakos' hard work and persistence! And on the down side our dues will increase to \$15.00, due in March. We also discussed a possible tech session and a summer club picnic. Come on summer! I did not see my shadow, so it will be an early spring!

On our favorite subject, the "Corvair," I have noticed that the car is finally getting the recognition it deserves. More magazines are carrying articles about the Corvair, including *Hemmings Classic Car*, and last month *Hemmings Motor News* covered the CORSA International Convention, including photos. MaryAnn always seems to spot Corvair articles on the news stands. What about Barrett Jackson auctions? Did you ever think you would see a Corvair go for that kind of money? (\$11,550 for the '68 convertible and \$24,200 for the '69 500 - ed.) I am always on line checking out Corvairs, (just looking) and the prices are going up even for cars needing restoration. I guess we need to keep ours for a couple of more years!

Our friend and fellow club member Don Smieszek had surgery on his foot on Friday, February second. I spoke to him on Friday night, and he was in good spirits (what a trooper). I like to wish him a speedy recovery!

I would like to thank our guests at last month's meeting, Paul & Helen Goubeaud, for coming to check us out! Hopefully, we will see you again! Well, my new *CORSA Communique* just arrived in the mail, time to go do some reading! See you all at the next meeting.

WINTER ENTERTAINMENT

This year again, for your Corvair pleasure, our friends to the North are again hosting the NJACE February Parts Auction, Saturday, February 17, 2007 at Ashley's Auto Body, Flanders, New Jersey. Set up is 10:00 a.m., bidding begins at 11:00 a.m. Small and clean Corvair-related parts and accessories only. No hubcaps. Leave the bent, rusty trim, greasy, broken junk parts and broken exhaust manifolds home. NOS and less common parts do well. NJACE gets a commission on the sale. NJACE always provides a free lunch break with pizza and soda. To get to Ashley's, Follow Route 206 North five miles north of Route 24 in Chester. At the traffic light just beyond a hamburger place called "The After" turn right onto Main Street. Go only 1/10 mile and turn left onto Hillside Avenue. Ashley's is 8/10 mile on the left. Call 973-584-7184.

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FOR FEBRUARY MEETING:**

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