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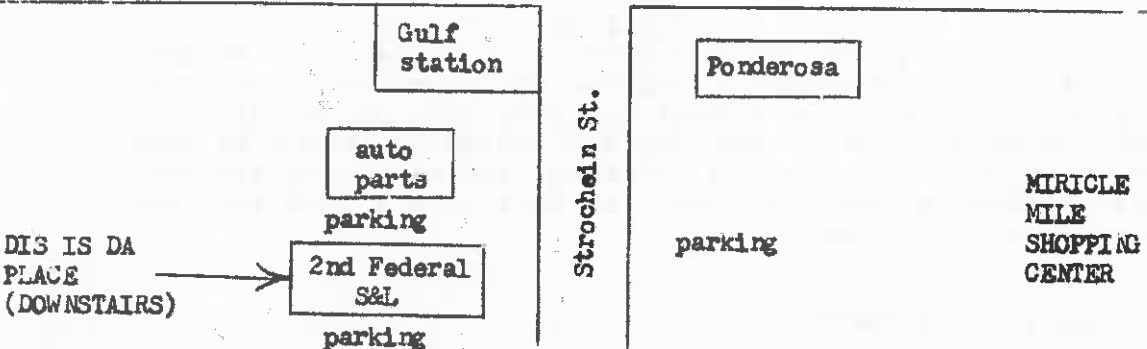
**CORSA MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL** (OUR CHARTER REQUIRES THAT ALL WPCO MEMBERS, ALSO BELONG TO CORSA, OUR NATIONAL ORGANIZATION)

New WPCO members will receive a CORSA application from our treasurer. CORSA members will receive renewals from CORSA prior to their anniversary date. In either case, fill out the form, and return it with a \$14 check (payable to: CORSA) to: CORSA, P.O. Box 2488, Pensacola, Florida 32503. CORSA MEMBERSHIP IS MANDATORY.

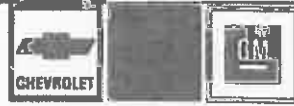
**MEETINGS:** 4th. Tuesday of every month. 8PM. 2nd Federal S & L. Monroeville, Pa.



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First things last, or last things first, or however it is, anyway;

Last month I was so interested in letting you all know our plans for the newsletter articles & meeting demonstrations that I forgot to express my thanks to the former officers & directors from last year for a job well done. We did cover this at the February meeting, but to the members who were not present, I wish to publicly express my thanks. Better late than never.

Also, I want to thank all those who volunteered for the Board of Directors this year. This was also covered at the February meeting along with how the new board is made up of over 65% new members and members who were never directors before & wanted to become involved. It is encouraging to see that we had such great interest by so many people. So, again thanks to all those who volunteered!

If you are planning on going to the National Convention which is in Atlanta, make your reservations soon. As of April 2nd, there were rooms still available at the 1st choice hotel, which is the Holiday Inn in North Marietta. Rates are \$34.00 per night for a room with 2 doubles. Children under 13 are free in parents room. You can call toll free direct to Holiday Inn Reservations at 281-7575, or at the Inn itself at 404-952-8161.

Last months meeting featured Terry Brown of the Western Pennsylvania Heart Fund who put on a very interesting & beneficial CPR demonstration that was well received by a nice group of about 40 people.

Our next meeting (scheduled for April 22), will feature a Dupont Paint Seminar arranged by Isadore Krause. I talked with Isadore who is a stocking Dupont dealer and who has previously conducted meetings with Bill Davis of Dupont for body shop personnel. Isadore will bring Bill to our meeting and claims he should be very helpful to anyone interested in painting, and metal preparation. Bill will be coming from Oil City, so lets have a good turn out and show our appreciation.

Hope to see you all there!

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WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB INC.  
GENERAL MEETING      MARCH 25, 1980

The minutes for the February meeting were approved by the membership. Several new members introduced themselves: Dave Harrison from Flum has a 66 four door Corvaire that he would like to fix up, and Terry Nickells from Cheswick who sold his Corvaire and later bought it back.

The president, Dick Breier, asked for suggestions for presentations at the main meetings. Al Friend was authorized to contact Bud Gilbert who will give a good slide presentation on the use of synthetic motor oil and gear lube.

It was discussed and agreed upon that only Corsa members can participate in our upcoming autocross because the participation of non Corsa members would jeopardize the clubs liability insurance protection.

The March bowling outing was discussed by John Graf and Vaughn Hamlin.

Depending on the whims of the county parks supervisor, our April event will be either an autocross or an econo run. For the econo run, Herb Horne distributed a list of mileage improvement tips which will be published in the next newsletter.

Rental fee for our Presque Isle pavilion for our August event has been paid by our treasurer.

Jim, Bill, and Irene Artzberger garnered <sup>two</sup> 3 ft. tall trophies at the recent Pittsburgh Custom Car Show. Congratulations to Bill, Jim and Irene and to Tiger I and II. Also congratulations go to the Artzbergers for the arrival of a new granddaughter!

Members were again reminded to make their reservations early for the National Convention in Atlanta.

Permission was given to Wayne Jones, newsletter publisher, to purchase a large stapler and to revise the format of the newsletter.

The antique and special interest car show at Myersdale was discussed, and we were told about a new division they made for Corvairs.

American Collector's Insurance which was advertised in the Corsa Communiques was thoroughly researched by Dick Breier and Al Friend and highly recommended by both. See Corsa Communiques for details and an application form.

Al Friend was authorized to consult with WPCO member Denny Hamill on the feasibility of producing bumper stickers for sale at the National Convention which will read "Ralph Nader is a Lemon" and "I'd Rather Be Driving My Corvaire".

Al Friend gave an address that could be used to purchase Corvaire oil filters at a very good price. This address will appear in the next newsletter.

During Show and Tell, Herb Horn showed the books Vaire Tips and he suggested the club authorize our treasurer to purchase one copy of all the years available. These are published by the San Diego Corvaire Club and are to be added to the WPCO library presently maintained by Vaun Hamlin.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Jan Fabyonic! Unbelievably for the third meeting in a row, the Fabyonics have won the 50/50 drawing!

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Walt Moore and seconded by John Cossy.

Carole E. Friend  
Secretary

THE FOLLOWING ADS WERE FOUND IN "OLD CARS" AND MAY BE OF INTEREST TO WPCO MEMBERS.

CORVAIRE OIL FILTERS, Purolator PERL4, \$3.75 each; \$33 case of 12, postage paid.  
D. Hosack, 11 S. Dow, Falconer, N.Y. 14733. (they retail for \$4 - \$5 normally).  
(I ordered a case and got delivery in about 3 weeks).

CORVAIRE NOS, transmission gears, shafts, early clutch pressure plates, Write needs with SASE to Spyder's Web, P.O. Box 1252, Pearland, TX 77581.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON THE WAY TO THE MEETING. Get involved and contribute to the mess in Washington!!!

INSURANCE COVERAGE CANCELLED!!!!

That's right, sports fans, CANCELLED, because so many of our members do not belong to CORSA!

This sad news came after the Prez. wrote the article on page 2. I'M sure that the mandatory CORSA membership rule will be discussed at length during this meeting.

At this moment, I am so furious toward our non CORSA members, that I dare not discuss this deplorable situation further. Suffice to say, that if you have strong feelings one way or the other, then PLEASE ATTEND THIS MEETING!

OUR NEXT EVENT:

Needless to say, the auto-cross that we were planning for April is off until we meet the requirements for the CORSA insurance coverage.

PRESENTING THE FIRST ANNUAL WPCG BILLY & HERBIE ECONO RUN.

SUNDAY      APRIL 27      1 PM - FOR TUNE UP CHECKS, AND ECONO DRIVING SUGGESTIONS.  
2 PM - FIRST CAR OFF.

START & FINISH AT BOB HOLDERBAUM'S SUNOCO IN IRWIN. (SEE MAP BELOW).

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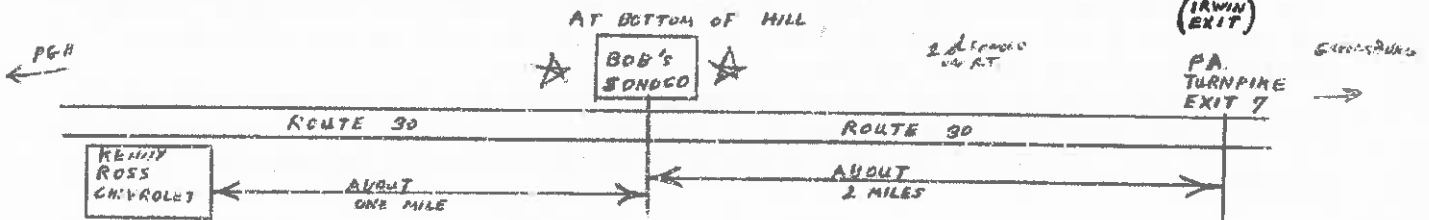
CORVAIRS ONLY.

DINNER WITH THE GANG AFTERWARD. RIDICULOUS AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED.

THE COURSE WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 60 MILES LONG.

ORGANIZED BY OUR OWN BILLY ARTZBERGER & HERBIE HORN!!

Hey, this event really sounds like it will be fun, challenging, and educational. It certainly makes sense to learn all that we can about driving economically with todays gasoline prices. You really don't have to arrive until 2 PM, but if you arrive early, Herb & Bill will check your timing, dwell etc. and pass along some econo. tips. Thank you in advance to Bill, Herb, & Bob. O.K. EARLY MODEL PEOPLE, HERE'S OUR CHANCE TO SHUT OUT THOSE LATE MODEL GUYS!!! SHOW THEM NO MERCY!!



Herb Horn would like to pass along the following better mileage tips, so you can practice for next Sundays fun and games.

1. Increase tire pressure, Corvair - front 25, rear 35 PSI.
2. New spark plugs, properly gaped (.035" for 60 - 63 engines, and for 95 h.p.)  
(.030" for all other engines)
3. New points - dwell set at 30 - 32.
4. Ignition Advance - to acquire a slight ping up hills.
5. New air filter.
6. Use hi test gas.
7. Drive slow & constant, no jack rabbit starts, no passing, little braking, look ahead and anticipate red lights etc. Make accererator changes like a snail with arthritis.
8. Keep your windows closed.
9. Lose weight!!!

**PRESENTING BILL ARTZBERGER, EVERYBODY'S FAVORITE WPCC MEMBER:**

If someone were to ask me how, when and why I got mixed up with Corvairs, I'd have to go back to 1960 when I viewed the first Corvair in a local dealer's showroom.

Even then, in my sparse knowledge of automobiles, I was impressed with the rear engine, independent suspension and its air-cooling. My first thoughts were that it would be the ideal car for winter driving in Pittsburgh.

In 1961, I had our first Corvair. It was a light green 700 4 door sedan with automatic transmission. It gave us a trouble-free 27,000 miles at an average of 25 miles per gallon before we traded it for a used 1962 Greenbrier. The Greenbrier is the Corvair I like to brag about. (I know...you have heard all the Corvair stories and don't want to hear any more!) But I'll be brief with this one...How about 100,000 miles on only three fan belts and a broken shift fork in the transmission and it only started to leak oil from the seals when it was sold to its new owner.

From the time my two boys were old enough to hold a wrench, our garage was always a busy one. We built several kit cars with fiberglass bodies and always used Corvair parts and engines if they were applicable. It was through one of our kit cars at an auto show that we first discovered the Western Penna. Corvair Club. We timidly attended some of the club meetings and discovered there were other enthusiasts for the Corvair as well as ourselves.

For better or worse, we again got hooked on Corvair cars. It is a family hobby with us. While our oldest son has married and left home to seek his fortune, our youngest son Jim remains. We are not happy with stock Corvairs and really enjoy modifying and up-dating our cars. Generally, Jim does the mechanical and electrical work while I do the body work and painting. Mom (Irene) does the interiors and upholstery.

Most of you have seen our two creations...Tiger I and Tiger II. (Tiger I) has appeared on the January 1979 issue of CORSA COMMUNIQUE. It is our hope that perhaps our cars will serve as an inspiration to other Corvair enthusiasts. These cars started out as "throw-aways". Our main occupations are not auto-oriented. But through CORSA and the Western Penna. Corvair Club we have managed to restore two more old Corvairs for a second breath.

In store for us awaiting a new life is a '68 Monza 4 sp. Coupe, a '69 Convertible and a '61 Lakewood wagon. We are willing to share what we have learned and offer anyone any help they may need while re-building or maintaining their Corvairs. (Incidentally, we don't have all the answers and are also good listeners!)

Some of our club members have heard me say it before. If you haven't, then I'd like to repeat it here..."I have been a member of several auto clubs. I think the WPCC is the best. Mostly, because no one is pretentious. How can they be? We all have used cars!"

Thank you, Bill. It's members like you and your family that make this such a nice hobby.

