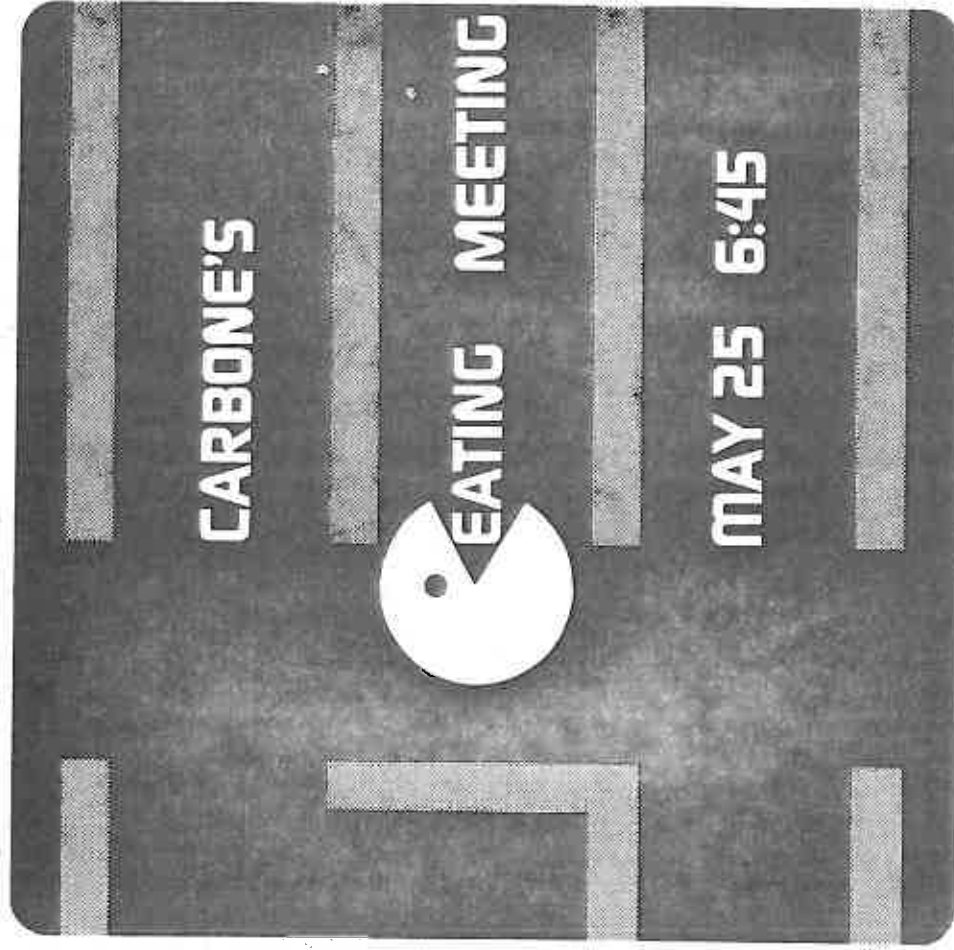


# THE VAIR STREET JOURNAL

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

MAY 1982



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## THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB WANTS YOU!!

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

That sure is a great little car you're driving. In fact the Corvaire is probably the most courageous, creative, and potentially the best engineered automobile to come out of Detroit in modern times. As you may already know, a two year study conducted by the U.S. Dept. of Transportation, and suggested by Mr. Ralph Nader, concluded: "The Corvaire quantitatively meets or exceeds standards set by contemporary automobiles in stability, cornering, and roll-over tests." It is also the only car ever proven safe in a court of law!!!

Next time a fellow Corvaire driver waves to you, hold your head high and wave back, since you have something in common. "The Vaire" however, is far from a common car. They are now quite rare, gaining in value, and have so many sensible features when compared to today's plastic and cardboard cars. Isn't it great not spending money on antifreeze and snow tires for example!

We are a chartered chapter of "The Corvaire Society of America" (CORSA), a rapidly growing international organization now boasting over 8,000 members. Like all automobile marque clubs of international stature, CORSA requires all chapter members to also belong to CORSA, the international Corvaire club.

The long range goals of both clubs is simply to increase the enjoyment and preservation of the Corvaire automobile. We provide - technical and historic information, parts procurement, professional publications, and an international classified ad service. We sponsor and participate in - Corvaire shows, rallies, time trials, autocross events, mini conventions, and national conventions. We love driving to local points of interest, touring style, in Corvaire convoys. We have parties, picnics, and dinners, there's always plenty of Corvaire talk, and all of our events are family affairs. Our membership includes people from every imaginable age group, background, and profession. Our chapter provides a twelve page monthly newsletter, and CORSA provides a beautiful monthly magazine named "The CORSA Communiciques".

We would love to welcome you, your family, and your Corvaire into our club. Simply complete the attached application and mail it to Al Friend, WPCC Liaison. Remember, the nicest people drive Corvaires, and "You're Always Ahead With Your Engine Behind." Hope to see you soon.

**MEETINGS:** The 4th Tuesday of every month, 8 p.m. at the Good Shephard Lutheran Church, Monroeville, Pennsylvania

**DUES:** LOCAL \$9 per calendar year, of 75¢ for each remaining month of the current year.  
Half price for immediate family. Payable to: WPCC.

**CORSA** Our charter requires that all WPCC members, also belong to CORSA, our national organization. New members must enclose a completed CORSA application and a check payable to CORSA, Inc. for \$14. If you already belong to CORSA, then send only WPCC information.

**MAIL TO:** W.P.C.C. c/o Al Friend, 3677 Forbes Trail Dr.  
Murrysville, PA 15668 (412)325-2588

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

CORSA MEMBER?  YES  NO CORVAIRES OWNED, YR. # MODEL \_\_\_\_\_  
RECOMMENDED BY \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT PAID \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER CAR CLUBS \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER INFORMATION: \_\_\_\_\_

## Minutes of the last Meeting

Minutes of the WPCC meeting - April 27, 1982

Meeting called to order by Pres. I. Krause. Roll was called. All officers and board members present, but R. Paniza. Minutes of last meeting read & approved.

Christmas/Hanukkah party to be held Dec. 19 at Kricks. Bill & Jean Brill will co-chair.

140 engine discussed - people needed to remove engine. May - monthly event - women to select. Dinner meeting at Carbones in place of regular meeting place.

National Convention - motel situation discussed and mix-up on availability of rooms. If you are planning to attend, make your reservations ASAP. Possibility Ohio Club will caravan with WPCC, according to A. Friend. Secy. to write letter to Marriotte/Host requesting that all WPCC rooms be located in the same area. More to be discussed at next meeting.

New Business: John Sweet informed club that he will run for Corsa board of director again. Reminded of dismal showing of votes of our club last year. Club vowed to do better for John this year.

Jim Lane requested cars to participate in the Ship & Shore Parade, Sat. May 29. This will go down Carson St. and end at Station Square. More info. in this newsletter. June event - Nelsons Ledges was discussed. \$8.00 per adult. Children and Sr.'s free - Tony Phelps to check restaurant or we will picnic - more in Newsletter.

Isadore passed around a hat with WPCC logo. Price - \$5.00 Orders were taken - if interested contact Izzy.

Vaun Hamlin talked about Auto Show at Mt. Lebanon. Must pre-register. Call Vaun for more info.

John Sweet sold fan belts at \$6.00 each. Motion to adjourn meeting carried.

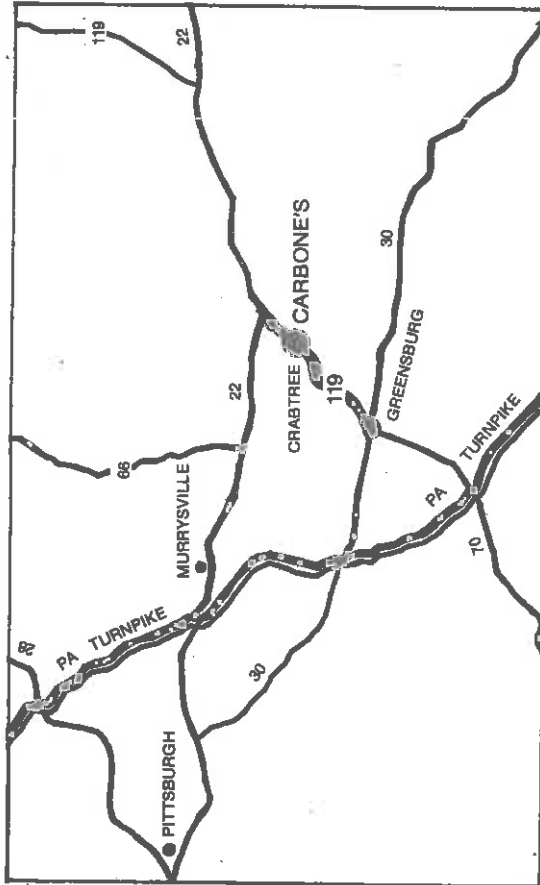
50/50 drawing won by Wayne Rockhill.

### Meeting and Eating at Carbone's

If you've been looking for an excuse to "eat out", the Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club has one for you. This month's regular business meeting will take place at Carbone's Restaurant, in Crabtree. (This of course means that there will not be a meeting at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church). The date is May 25, and the time will be 6:45 pm.

However, we must know in advance, the number of people that plan to attend. Fill out the reservation slip below and send it to Jean Brill immediately. She must have your reservation no later than May 22, 1982.

Carbone's is on U.S. Rt 119 approximately three miles south U.S. Rt. 22.



SEND TO: FROM:

Mrs. Jean Brill  
502 Kenmore Ave  
Greensburg, PA  
15601

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_  
CALL-WAYNE JONES OR JEAN BRILL  
IF YOU CAN'T MAIL!

### Ship to Shore Parade

During our April meeting Jim Lane, Parade Coordinator for the Gateway Clipper Fleet, and member of WPCC, asked that the club participate in the Ship to Shore Parade on Saturday, May 29th. The parade is being held to celebrate the moving of the Gateway Clipper Fleet to their new dock at Station Square. So shine up the Corvair, bring the family and join in the parade. Jim asks that you call him, Linda Perisino or Jim Nelson at (412) 355-7980 if possible, so they'll have an idea of the number of cars to expect.

#### FORMATION

22nd Street and East Carson Street on the South Side of Pittsburgh. Forming no later than 9:00 am. Parade moves off promptly at 10:00 am. Upon arrival, see the parade marshall for position.

#### JUDGING LOCATION

In the 1700 block of East Carson Street.

#### ROUTE

Parade proceeds from 22nd Street along East Carson to the Smithfield Street Bridge through Station Square to parking lot at Gateway Clipper's Dock.

### From the Editor's Desk

Last months event at John Sweet's certainly was a success, as anyone who attended, will agree. The unfortunate part however, was that only a handful of people called Judy Jones or Jan Fabyonic to let them know what they intended to bring, and of course, say that they would be there. Fifty-six people attended! Did you ever try to buy food, pop and beer on a Sunday afternoon for 30 people you weren't expecting...in Portersville? Let's be more considerate at such future events. Thank you. -ed.

## Coming Events by Al Friend

- May 30 - W. Mifflin Baseball League Assoc. car show. reg. 9 AM - 1 PM. Trophies 3 PM. Allegheny Co. Airport. (412)466-6838.
- May 31 - Meadville, Pa. Service Clubs parade & show. Jack Lang. (814)7242500.
- Jun 6 - Belle Vernon, Pa. Mon. Valley Reg. AACA show & flea market. Ed Wells (412)3264792.
- Jun 13 - Glassport, Pa. Athletic Youth Assoc. car show. Bobbe Tyszkiewicz (412)6726644.
- Jun 20 - St Marys, Pa. car show, Benzinger Park, Bill Pfaff (814)834-7054.
- Jun 26 - 27 Connellsville, Pa. Coke Ctr. Reg. AACA car show & flea mkt. Bullskin Twp. Fairgrounds. Rt. 982.
- Jun 27 - Brookville, Pa. Kinzua Valley Reg. AACA show. Memorial Park.
- Jun 27 - Monaca, Pa. Beaver Co. Car Club show, Community College Dome. Mike Yuran. (412) 843-2126. evenings.

## New Members

Jim Lane, Pittsburgh, 364-8991. Jim is a 58 yr. young retiree of WPXI TV. Jim was introduced to WPCC by Archie Miller, and was then instrumental in arranging our appearance in the Sept. Channel 11 parade. Jim's charming wife, Elizabeth, was nice enough to drive their sharp 63 sedan in the parade. Jim has just arranged our appearance in the May 29 Gateway Clipper parade on the South Side. Be sure to thank him personally.

## From the Editors Desk

In the last issue of the Journal on page 5, there appeared a survey under the heading "For our information". Thus far the response has been very poor. We would like to publish the result. So please take the time to fill it out and return it to me. Thank you. -ed.

## April Event (Concours/Auction) by Al Friend

The April 25 picnic and parts auction at John & Charlotte Sweet's farm was a tremendous success. The Corvairs just kept rolling in, all day. Along with an occasional water pumper. We have to locate some of those "I'd Rather be Driving my Corvair" bumper stickers, for members who's Vairs are down during club events.

Thanks again to club members, John Kalka and Bruce Dow for contributing parts to the club. These parts and others brought by members stimulated lively bidding during the auction. John Sweet is an excellent auctioneer, and Wayne Jones kept track of buys & sells, along with percentages owed, etc. etc. Thanks to Wayne's bookkeeping, the club made \$120. The food was absolutely out of this world, as usual. If you gals ever get motivated enough to put together a WPCC cookbook, it will be a best seller for sure!!! We all had such a great time eating, drinking, buying parts, kicking footballs, etc. etc. that we plum forgot to judge the cars. Oh well, I'm sure that any of the members who have judged at national events would be glad to look over your car and offer suggestions. Just ask.

Bill Artzberger took some great photos of the Corvairs, all lined up along Studebaker Road. We are going to have to get John elected to the local council, along with the CORSA board of directors, so we can get that name changed to Corvair Road!!! Over 50 members and family attended along with the Sweet's various lovable dogs and barn cats. It was so refreshing to finally get a warm sunny day for our April event.

One brief note on our picnic type events: It is virtually impossible to guess the attendance in advance, and thus determine how many hot dogs, cases of beer, pop, jars of mustard, etc. etc. to purchase. Therefore it is imparitive that the designated gals who are coordinating the feast know who is coming. It's great to have big turnouts at our events, but it is't fun for the gals if it is a big unannounced turnout. In conclusion - call if you are coming, even if it is at the last minute. They might ask you to pick up a package of hot dogs on the way!

### March Event (Meyersdale) by Jean Larison

On a cold, crisp, sunny Sunday, ten WPC members journeyed to Meyersdale for the Maple Syrup Festival. Upon arrival, there were lots of interesting demonstrations to see; rope making, weaving, leather tooling, and of course, the making of maple sugar candy and maple syrup. Large areas were devoted to the sale of hand-crafted items, too numerous to mention.

Many makes and models of cars, trucks and vans, spanning the years, were displayed. Four WPC members entered their cars in the judging. Three drove off with awards in their respective class. Our "prez", Isadore Krause, took a First, our trip coordinator, Archie Miller, took a Second, and John Graff took Third Honors. Congratulations gentlemen!

To complete the day, WPC members and families enjoyed pancake and sausage dinners prepared and served by the local Lions Club. All you could eat for a very reasonable price.

### For Sale

65 Monza Cp. red/black, 66M original miles. New rubber, wheel cylinders, and wheel well molding (66 - 69). Excellent condition. Was Al Friend's car 11,000 miles ago. Offers around \$2,400. Alec Bell, Irwin. 863-3324

64 Monza Convertible: black/tan, white top. Engine: total overhaul with few miles. \$600 J. P. Getz (814) 842-6129 evg's

Tinted Glass all around for Early Model Cpe.  
Make offer to WPC C/O Vair Street Joun'l

WANT Corvair engine to VW transaxle adapter kit. Fred Handel (412) 781-8647

### Next Month's Event

Join the WPC for an exciting day on Sunday, June 13, at the 30th Annual Cumberland National Sportscar Races at Nelson Ledges, Ohio. Plans for the Corvair caravan to Nelson Ledges will be finalized at the May 25 Meeting, so be sure you're there. Tony Phelps event coordinator, tells me that there seven races over a two mile road course, with 22 classes of sports cars ranging from Austin Healy Sprites to Corvettes. Tony also says that when you arrive in a Corvair, you are getting in at a special rate...\$8.00 per adult, children free and senior citizens 65 or older, free. Your paddock pass gains you entry to all areas except the working pits.

During the lunch break, WPC members will be taking their Corvairs onto the track for a parade around the course. After lunch (there are session stands if you're not bringing a picnic lunch) you'll enjoy an afternoon of fine sportscar racing. After the races (approx. 4:30) we'll be stopping off for dinner on the way home.

### DIRECTIONS TO NELSON LEDGES (2 hrs. from Pgh.)

- Take Ohio Turnpike to exit 14 (Warren)
- Go right after exiting toll booth
- Travel 100 yds, right turn onto Braceville-Robinson Rd. NOTE odometer reading or set to zero at turn
- 1.2- Stay to left at "Y"
- 1.3- Left onto Rt. 82
- 2.2- (you will be passing a soapbox derby track to your left)
- 2.5- Right at 4-way STOP sign onto Rt. 534
- 3.8- Rough RR crossing
- 4.9- Left onto County Rt. 127 (sign is small, so be alert)
- 7.8- Left at STOP sign onto Rt. 305
- 9.5- Left into Nelson Ledges
- Park across from starters stand

## Tech Tips

### Burned ground accelerator cables

I destroyed three brake or accelerator cables before I wised up to the fact that they were not wearing out or breaking, but were being burned because they were the only effective ground between the starting motor and the battery. My ground strap was the woven type, long enough for the first part to be bolted to the frame and continuing to the generator end plate, where it was under the bolt head of the isolated rear mount bolt.

Theoretically it should have made good contact with the end plate, and thus to the engine and starting motor. But a little corrosion on the metal end of the strap next to the end plate did me in. Tightening the bolt undoubtedly made good contact between the bolt and the strap, but the rubber isolation bushing canceled that side, and the other side just wasn't clean enough.

Thanks to Dick Hartje, San Diego Corvair Club

### Air filters

'64 thru '69 95, 110, and 140 HP without a/c use an air filter that is fairly common in department stores. Here is a partial listing of some that fit exactly and are much cheaper than an A.C.

Sears no. 45277 Lee no. 178 Fram no. 192

Some of the filters have letters preceding the numbers, but all that denotes is what the filtering element is made of (paper, poly-ethalene, etc). The numbers tell that it is a 9 5/8" outside diameter filter that is 3 1/2" high.

Thanks to the North East Pa. Corvair Club



# Corvair Society of America

Formed in 1969 by and for those who still appreciate the Corvair Automobile

## CORSA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

CHECK ONE:  NEW  RENEWAL

### RENEWALS

My name and address are correct as printed

Make the following corrections to my name and address:

(Please Print) Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for joining CORSA \_\_\_\_\_

Activity Interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

The following fee schedule includes your subscription to CORSA COMMUNIQUEs, our monthly publication, for the number of months paid.

- 1 year U.S. membership - \$14
- 26 month U.S. membership - \$28
- 1 year Canadian membership - \$17
- 26 month Canadian membership - \$34
- 1 year Overseas membership - \$19
- 26 month Overseas membership - \$38
- Museum Fund Donation - \$1
- Racing Fund Donation - \$1
- Family membership - \$1

TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

**U.S. FUNDS ONLY**  
MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO  
CORSA, INC.

CORVAIR SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.  
P.O. Box 2468  
Pensacola, Fla. 32503

### MUSEUM FUND

A museum has been established to protect and preserve Corvair memorabilia. This fund has been established to perpetually finance the museum's growth and development.

### RACING FUND

This fund provides cash prizes to winning Corvairs entered in national open class racing.

DO NOT WRITE IN BOX

Rec'd	_____
Amount	_____
Months	_____
Acct. No.	_____
Expires	_____

### SURVEY OF CARS OWNED AND INTERESTS

- I own \_\_\_\_\_ running Corvairs.
- I own \_\_\_\_\_ restorable Corvairs.
- I own \_\_\_\_\_ parts Corvairs.
- I use my Corvairs for:
  - Concours - How Many? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Daily Use
  - Racing
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. My main reason for joining CORSA is:

- Support my hobby  Fellowship
- Increase the value of my investment
- Magazine - "CORSA COMMUNIQUE"
- To take part in ( ) local/( ) national doings

### 6. What I like to read most in my magazine is:

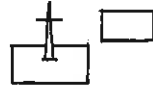
- Technical Tips  Open Forum
- Feature Articles  Chapter News
- Convention information  Local meet information
- CORSA governmental action



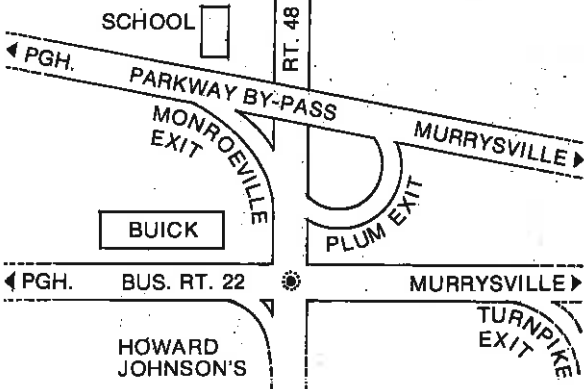
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MEETING HELD  
4TH TUESDAY  
EACH MONTH  
8:00 P.M.

GOOD SHEPHERD  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH



OLD WM. PENN HWY.



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CHARLES-J LUCAS  
236 MARIGOLD ST.  
MUNHALL PA.

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