

THE VAIR STREET JOURNAL

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

APRIL 1983

In remembrance
of a past President,
active Corvairster enthusiast,
and above all,
a Good Friend:

Walt Moore
1935-1983

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 Communique".

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 Corvaire, 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 _____

In remembrance of a past President, an active Corvaire enthusiast, and above all, a Good Friend:

Walt Moore was all of the above to all of us. He and Hazel worked very hard for WPCC in the difficult early years when hard workers were few and far between. When in good health, they attended virtually every meeting and event. Thanks to their efforts, the People's Choice voting always went smoothly at the Steel City Courses. Hazel has traditionally kept interest high in the 50/50 drawing, our most consistent fundraiser. Yes, we'll miss Walt, but it is now important to keep Hazel active in the club.

Since even getting to the store is difficult for Hazel, several of the wives conducted a phone campaign prior to

the last meeting, and, thanks to their efforts, club members literally filled the Fabyonic's wagon full of household items, which Jan delivered on Wednesday. Everything from frozen meat to paper towels should make difficult trips to the store unnecessary for a long time. But, best of all, the club again showed its true character, when over 260 tickets were sold for the 50/50 drawing, at \$1 apiece, **AND WON BY HAZEL, MOORE!!**

Do you suppose that everybody wrote Hazel's name on their tickets??? The membership then voted to award the entire pot to Hazel.

Al Friend

Why are we here?

We are Wayne and Judy Jones. I'm a (printing) bindery salesman and Judy is a church secretary. We have enjoyed being members of the Corvaire Club for a fair number of years.

At present we have three Corvaire's. Judy drives The Turkey, a blue-green '64 "500" with the Trans Am "bird" on the trunk lid. Our Greenbrier, down to bare metal, is under construction. The third, a '62 convertible, will be ready for the 1984 Convention, despite what Bill Artzberger says.

The Corvaire is what it's all about. The Club is about the car, and the Club is made up of people. The people make the Club what it is...great. With the Club we've done a lot of things, gone to many events and have learned a lot. All of it has been fun. Our son Wayne looks forward to the meetings and especially the events. The Corvaire Club isn't just for adults!

To the armchair member I say, "you don't know what you're missing." Participate, get involved and really be a member. Give the Club a chance. Get involved!

Minutes from WPCC meeting of March 22, 1983

by Sandy Burrows, Secretary

President, Secretary, and Treasurer were present; Board members C. Friend, J. Jones, and B. Ashworth were also present.

Treasurer's report read and approved. Current Balance \$967.48

Secretary's report of last meeting read and approved.

Old Business

Bill Brill expressed how nice the Century III Mall Car Show was and thanked all for their help and Tony Phelps for the invitation. Tony thanked the members for bringing their cars.

Bob Ashworth spoke on the Arden Trolley Museum — April 24. The trolley people are opening one week early for us, so we need a big turnout. They have also invited us to their trolley fair of July 2-3. Bob will keep us up to date on the information. Vaun Hamlin added that the trolley people were really a nice group of people, as crazy about their trolley's as we are about our Corvairs'.

New Business:

President Bob Larison brought up the plight of Walt and Hazel Moore. Al Friend, Jan Fabyonic, and Carol Friend spoke on their history. Walt and Hazel's dues were also taken care of by Vaun.

Jim Lane asked for members interested in being in the 'Anchor's Away' parade to be held in South Side on Saturday, April 30. Anyone interested should get in touch with Jim.

Bill Brill brought up a parade to be held in Idlewild Park on Wednesday, July 13 that we are invited to.

Bob Larison reminded all present that we have a club library and how badly it needed information. Vaun Hamlin is our librarian and all pertinent information should be sent to him.

Meeting adjourned 9:07.

50/50 won by Hazel Moore.

anchors Aweigh Parade Saturday, April 30, 1983

Jim Lane, WPCC member and Station Square Parade Coordinator, is asking the membership to participate in the Anchors Away Parade to be held on Saturday, April 30. Jim says that Chrysler has again promised to provide convertibles. However, they may fall short as they did last year. So he's hoping he'll get the kind of support from the Corvair Club that he had last year. He's looking to get as many Corvairs as possible, especially CONVERTIBLES!

Following the parade there will be all day entertainment. One of the features is a rare steam callope with concerts on the hour. There will also be an extensive boat display, and of course, our Corvairs will also be displayed. So let's get out there, give Jim the support he needs and have a good time too.

Formation:

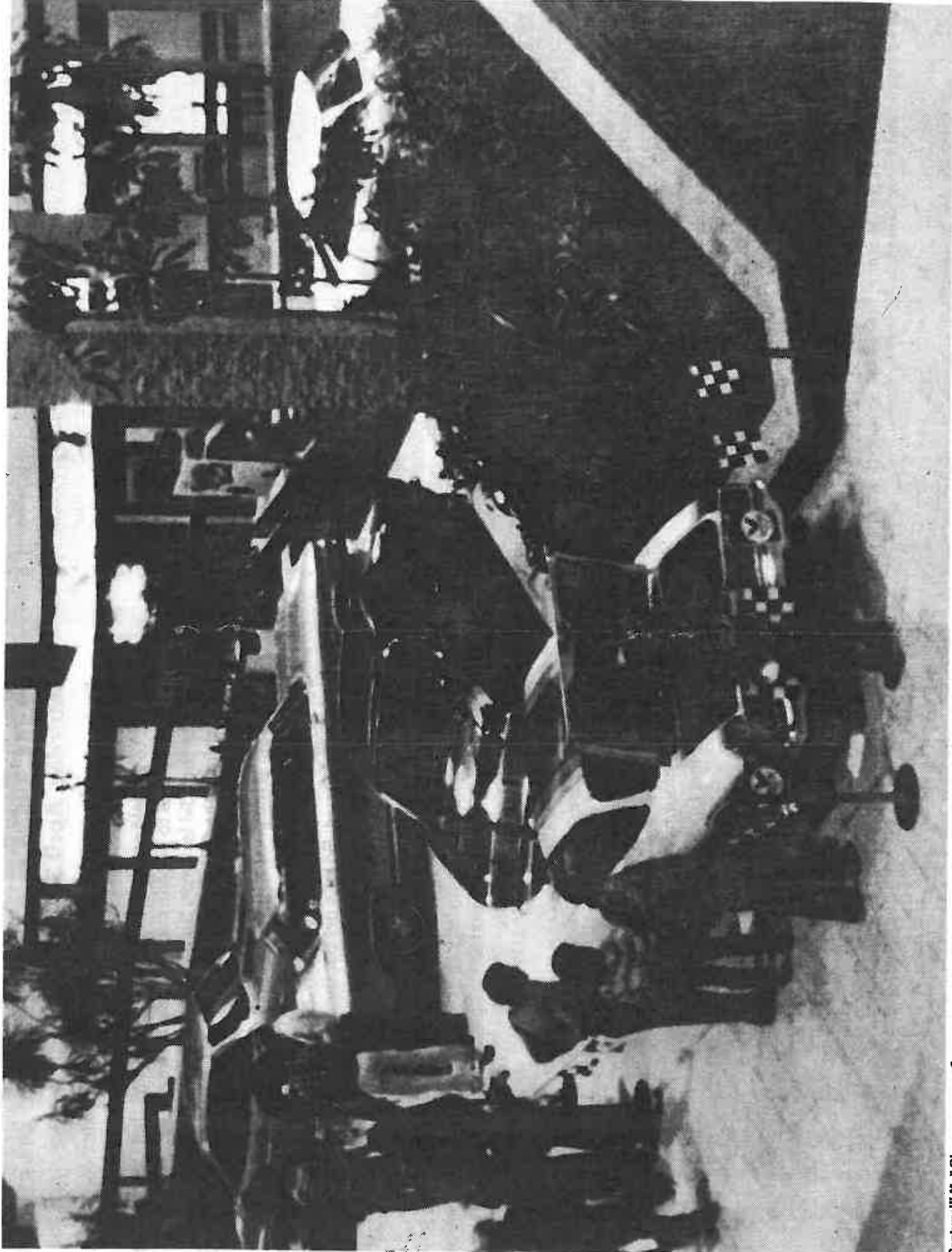
South 22nd Street near the Birmingham Bridge on the South Side of Pittsburgh. Forming no later than 11:00 a.m. Parade moves off promptly at 12:30 p.m. Upon arrival, please contact parade marshal for parade position.

Reviewing Area:

Station Square

Route:

Parade proceeds from 22nd Street to East Carson Street to Station Square. Through Station Square to parking lot at the Gateway Clipper Fleet Dock.



Century III Mall Show - see page 6.

Photo by Vaun Hamrin

First Mall Show

by Charles J. Lucas, editor

With encouragement from WPCC members at the February meeting, along with six or seven others, I agreed to put my Corvair in the Steel Cities Region. SCCA Car Show at Century III Mall. I was rather hesitant, especially since my '64 Convertible is not exactly show material. The exterior paint, on a scale of one to ten, is probably a three at best. It looks great if you're standing still and it moves past you doing 40. Close up, and under outdoor light, paint runs are visible. The overall appearance is generally lack luster. I was convinced we needed more representation, so I agreed to put my car in the show despite the flaws.

As the 13th of March drew near, I found myself excited about the upcoming show and, as luck would have it, a rush job meant working Saturday and Sunday...the 12th and 13th. I'd have little time to prep the car. Luckily I was able to get away from work at 3:00 on Sunday. The afternoon was cool, yet comfortable, nothing like the cold, rotten day before. After a fash wash job, I dropped the Corvair's top, vacuumed the rugs, wiped away the visible dust, degreased the blackened rear grill and installed the new armrest bases acquired at the Syracuse Convention. At 5:30, I tenderly stowed four refurbished wire wheel covers into the Corvair's trunk and with the top still down, made the chilly drive to Century III Mall. My neighbor, Chuck Gonda, who had accompanied me to Syracuse, followed in his Chew Monza with my daughters, Elaine and Ellen. My son Alan, was playing at a friend's house and missed all the fun.

At the mall I was told to follow the Steel Cities guide who would usher me to where the other Corvairs were located. Elaine and Ellen insisted on riding with me even after warnings that they were not to touch the freshly vacuumed carpets with their shoes. Chuck decided he'd be better off on foot.

The drive through the mall at walking speed was an absolute thrill for the girls...for me too! I loved every minute of it. As we approached the other end of the mall and moved up a ramp, the other Corvairs already in position, were visible. Being the last to arrive, I was lead to a spot just below the Sears entrance. The other Corvairs were clustered together on a flat area 30 or so feet down the ramp from my location. Being seperated from the others some how made my spot seem special. *Maybe it wasn't but that's the feeling I had.*

After exchanging greetings with the others I popped off the regular '64 wheel covers and replaced them with the wires. It was their first time on since I had refurbished them. What a difference!!! I stepped back and sighed. With all the flaws, that Corvair looked pretty damned good! (The indoor lighting did wonders).

During the week, friends who had been to the mall, told me how much they enjoyed the Corvairs. Club members who were around the cars during the week, listened to comments from passers-by, that would make any Corvair owner proud. Corvairs are special, not just to us, but to people who haven't seen them for a while, and also to people: seeing them for the first time.

For me and the others who participated in the show I would like to thank the members of the Steel Cities Region of the SCCA who made us a part of their show. Special thanks are in order for Don Baker and Tony Phelps. WPCC members and Steel Cities co-chairmen of the show.

When it was over I got another thrill. I was given an SCCA medalion for being a part of the show.

The other WPCC members who participated in the show were:

Bill Artzberger
Bill Brill
Greg Breier
Ed Clapper
Al Friend
Vaun Hamlin

New Members

by Al Friend

Norman Bourg, Muse, Pa. (412) 745-0947. Norm is a 17 year old student who owns a 67 Monza coupe. He also joined CORSA and wants to improve his Corvair and his knowledge of Corvairs. Norm, you joined up with the right people, looking forward to seeing that 67.

Bill & Patty Minton N. Huntingdon, Pa. (412) 864-4918. Bill & Patty are in their early 30's and have another Corvair enthusiast on the way. Bill is training to be a stockbroker in the same office as yours truly. They own a 65 sedan, but would like to exchange it for a Corsa convertible. Most of our longer term members know Bill's parents, Gus & Dixie Minton, who have attended several of the Steel City Concourses from their home in Michigan. Who could ever forget that mint 60 sedan!

The Prez Says

by Bob Larison

Here it is, that time of year again. Just look outside, spring is springing, and those wintertime jobs the wife had lined up should be done. So now it is Corvair time. Let's get the dustcover off, get out the polish and shine up the chrome. But don't forget to check or change the oil, check the belt, inflate the tires, and all the other things listed in the book. After a long-not-so-hard winter we want to see you at all our great events, and not sitting along the road side broke down, because of something that wasn't checked.

Let's hope everyone had a great time at the Arden Trolley Museum and West Alexander on the 24th. Our thanks to Bob Ashworth for making all the arrangements.

Mark your calendar now for some May events. On May 21, there's the Indiana Parade, headed up by Isadore Krouse. For the sports car buff, there's the races at Nelson Ledges, Ohio on May 22. Here's hoping to see you at our events.

The nut behind the wheel,
Bob Larison.

Material for Publication

Articles, "for sales" etc. that you wish to have published in the Journal should be sent to arrive on or before the 5th of the month before publication to:

Vair Street Journal
Charles J. Lucas
236 Marigold Street
Mumhall, PA 15120

For Sale

65 Monza coupe, auto, maroon/black, 50,000 or so miles. Ask for Bob Redding at Watson's Chevrolet in Export, Pa. (412) 327-4475.

1967 Fitch Sprint Coupe. Original gold with black fast-back roof. Non-original 140, 4 speed, 060-over, TRW forged pistons, very quick. Used daily, body solid, needs repainted, some surface rust at wheelwells and elsewhere. Never wrecked. 4 wire wheel covers. Truckload of parts: 140 engines, 140 heads, 110 heads, blocks, cranks, cams, 4-speeds, carbs, original 4 carb Sprint heads, crossmembers, steering wheels and columns, windshield, glass, body parts, Corsa dashes, 8 radials, 4 aluminum slot wheels, thousands of misc. and small parts, manuals, many years of Corsa, Chev. parts catalog, box of Clark's new parts. Most parts boxed and catalogued. Must take it all -- will not sell individually. Was \$3300. Now \$2500.

Roger L. Schmidt

7 Cold Spring Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
412/364-6822 (no collect calls)

For Sale - Parts

Two pair, brand new original GM stock headlight assemblies, including gaskets, for early models - at my cost: \$75.00.

Complete set (4) shocks, brand new, for early models: \$30.00.

Two very good snow tires, mounted on 4-hole early model wheels: \$35.00.

Bob McCune 823-8604



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 COMMUNIQUE**, 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: _____

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MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO
CORSA, INC.

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Panacea, 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.

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SURVEY OF CARS OWNED AND INTERESTS

1. I own _____ running Corvairs.
2. I own _____ restorable Corvairs.
3. I own _____ parts Corvairs.
4. 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
 - Feature Articles
 - Convention information
 - CORSA governmental action
 - Open Forum
 - Chapter News
 - Local meet information



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

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