

THE VAIR STREET JOURNAL

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

FEBRUARY 1983

1983 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH	DATE(S)	APRIL	DATE(S)
AUTO SHOW Century III Mall	13-20	ARDEN TROLLEY MUSEUM AND WEST ALEXANDER VILLAGE Tour	24
AUTO CROSS & PICNIC North Park	27		
MAY			
JIMMY STUART PARADE Indiana, PA	21	WILD AND WONDERFUL HOLLABALOO Morgantown, WV	25 & 26
NELSON LEDGES Sports Car Races/Picnic	22		
JULY			
KENNYWOOD PARK Picnic and Corvair parade	17		
AUGUST			
		MAHONING DAM/LAKE Picnic/Dam Tour New Bethlehem, PA	28
SEPTEMBER			
GATEWAY CLIPPER CRUISE Dining and Dancing Pittsburgh's Three Rivers	24		
OCTOBER			
		CAR RALLY Location?	2
		COMPASS INN TOUR Ligonier, PA	23
NOVEMBER			
AUTO CROSS & PICNIC North Park	13		
DECEMBER			
		HOLIDAY PARTY Location?	?

Meeting: Tuesday, February 22

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 Communiques".

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: _____

Minutes from W.P.C.C. meeting of Jan. 25, 1983
 by Sandy Burrows, Secretary

Meeting called to order by Rich Panizza. 2 officers and 4 board members were present.

Old Business:

Nominations for officers were opened. No new candidates were nominated; nominations were closed, vote was taken and counted.

President: Bob Larson **Board of Directors**

Vice Pres.: Tom Kress Bob Smith Herb Hom

Secretary: Sandy Burrows Carol Friend Judy Jones

Treasurer: Bill Brill Bob Ashworth Isadore Krouse

Name tags were given and to be returned after each meeting.

Rich Panizza discussed some classes offered by Community College.

Al Friend gave out a few Steel City Concours dash plaques he had come across.

Motion by Al Friend to pay dues to stay in "Pa. Legislature of Motor Vehicles".
 2nd by Tony Phelps. Motion carried.

Bill Brill gave report on holiday party at Krick's.

Bill Brill also introduced Armin Abramson, a Corvaire owner and soon to be member.

Bob Smith made a motion to reduce fees for family members - 2nd by Jim Lane discussion followed - regular dues would remain at \$9.00 but only \$1.00 would be required per each family member. This is down from \$3.00. Motion carried.

Mail car show will now be combined with Steel City Sports Car Club show March 13-20. Tony Phelps and Don Baker will be our club's representatives. Anyone interested in having their car in this show at Century III should contact them.

Bill Artzberger and Wayne Jones will co-chair a day at Kenywood Park set for Sunday July 17. They will be sending out general invitations to our neighboring Corvaire clubs - Friends of Corvaire have already expressed an interest.

Cars available:

67 4-door see R. Panizza
 66 Corsa 4-speed and 68 coupe (parts) see T. Brown
 Info on car in Philadelphia see A. Friend

New Business:

Cards were sent out to Alice Miller and Boots Baldinger who were both in the hospital. Motion by Al Friend to get club business cards - 2nd B. Smith. Motion carried. Luke and Wayne will handle.

Ideas for the next years events were discussed to be brought up at the board meeting on February 13 at Bob Larson's.

Motion by Dave Fabyronic to pay \$200 donation to church - 2nd B. Artzberger. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:01.

50/50 won by Judy Jones.

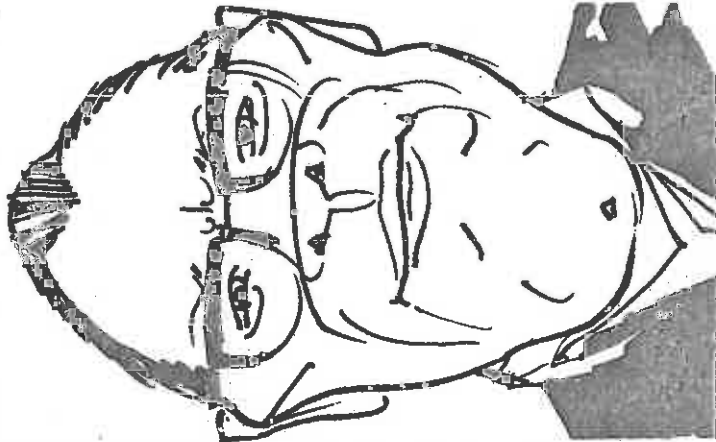
What am I doing here?

by Bob Larson (Another Corvair Lover?)

Luke, our scribe, asked me some months ago to write this, and I told him then, I was not a long-time Corvair fan, but that I really "backed" into buying one. My first exposure to a Corvair was back in the '60's when my Dad bought an early model convertible. I really didn't pay much attention to it. It was a little unusual to have the engine in the rear, but so what, times are changing. Occasionally I would take the kids for a ride through North Park with the top down to give them a big thrill. He owned the car for five to six years, and ended up giving it away, when he replaced it with a Nova. Hence, my exposure to Corvairs. What I know about them you could write on the head of a pin, and now I am the "Prez." Well, the membership that gave me this honor has the right to know how I ended up in the club. I have always been into things that run: cars, trucks, bicycles, clocks, anything that has one gear running another.

So now, after my wife, Jean, has managed to get our seven children and me raised, we decided we wanted a toy. It had been talked about, but because of the investment we never looked at anything with the definite intent to buy. Then ill a "65" Monza convertible appeared in a neighborhood yard with a "4 Sale" sign on it. Just right for what we want, an open car, not so old that parts would not be available, not too much money, a car that should travel at tumpike speeds, and not so expensive that you wouldn't want to leave it in a shopping center parking lot without having to worry about it being stolen or stripped. Soooo, down I went to look at it. "Seventeen Hundred Dollars! You must be kidding." Rust in the floor, fenders — all four, trunk, a brush-on paint job — black and white no less, fogged back window, seat upholstery

doesn't match. Then I got out of my car to look it over. Well, it did not look like \$1,700 to me, so I passed. It disappeared out of the yard, and we would see it around town occasionally, so I figured it sold.



New WPCC Prez, Bob Larson
with apologies for the caricature from Luke.

About a month or two later I pulled into a gas station, and what was there but the Corvair and owner. He hadn't sold it, was out of a job and was hopefully "heading for greener pastures." He said he hadn't had any interest shown at \$1,700, so he had dropped the price way down. He quoted me the price, and my ears stood on end. I immediately went to a pay phone and called Jean. For the price, I decided I didn't have to be so fussy about the rust, or the paint job, and so what if the upholstery didn't match. So, with Jean's

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Thoughts From a Long

Time Member by Al Friend

Hey gang, I think that the 1982 officers and board members did one fine job of directing WPCC through the year! If you agree with me, tell them you appreciate their efforts.

IMPORTANT — Several of our devoted members are laying plans for a mall show, a Kenywood Park show, and another autocross. In order to do all three, we must be covered by liability insurance. In order to be covered by the CORSA blanket policy, all regular members must also be members of CORSA. So, if you fail to renew your CORSA membership on time, WPCC does not get insurance coverage! It is as simple as that! Please, please if you decide not to renew your CORSA membership when it comes due, call or write me immediately, and we will move you to subscriber status. Al Friend, 3677 Forbes Trail Dr., Munysville, PA 15668, (412) 325-2588. Please don't take this lightly, your actions, or lack thereof will effect the plans of the membership!

I just listened to a tape by Paul J.

Meyers entitled, "The Power of Goal Setting." He stresses the importance of writing your goals down, and then writing down how you plan to attain these goals and your time table for attaining them. Putting them down in black and white and referring to them continuously seems to be a sure fire way of making them become reality. With this in mind, consider the fact that the 1984 national CORSA convention is going to be right over the mountains, at the other end of the Tumpike in New Jersey. Which Vair are you talking? What would you like to do to it before the N.J. convention? What trophies would you like to shoot for? Has a WPCC member ever come home with the Edward Cole award? Is that a piece of paper and pencil over there on your desk?

AUTO SHOW

Century III Mall

March 13 through 20

by Tony Phelps

We are participating in an Auto Show with the Steel Cities Region, Sports Car Club of America. Our cars will be together in one section of the mall, and our club banner will be displayed. The show will be advertised on local radio, and we hope to get exposure in the ads as well as at the show. Anyone wanting to display his car, please contact Tony Phelps at 531-1840 or Don Baker at 863-3770.

All cars must go into the mall after 4:30 p.m. (normal closing time) on March 13 and cannot leave until after 4:30 p.m. on March 20. Bring your own stanchions to rope off your car. The SCCA has plenty of streamers available for your use. If your car leaks, bring something to catch the drips — have as little gas as possible in your car — bring four pieces of cardboard for under each tire. (Rubber leaves marks on terrazzo)

If you don't enter, mark the date on your calendar and visit the show.

WPCC Family Dues Schedule Change

By a vote of the membership at the January meeting, family dues have been reduced. Yearly dues for regular members are still \$9.00. However, dues for additional family members within the household, i.e. living under the same roof, will be \$1.00 per person. Additionally, all dues paying members have voting privileges.

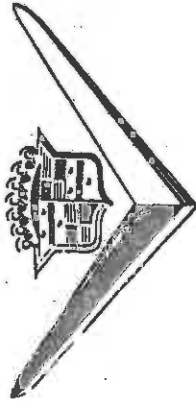
Speaking of dues...are yours paid? If not, get them to Bill Brill at the next meeting, or if you'd rather, put your check in an envelope and send it to:

Bill Brill
502 Kenmore Ave.
Greensburg, PA 15601

Sticky for Car Buffs

Taken from Family News magazine

On this page you will find 20 insignias that are used or were used on automobiles. Many of the cars so decorated have been out of circulation for years, and exist today only in the memory of car buffs or in automobile museums. Write your identification of each symbol on the line directly below it. A score of 4 is good; 6 is way above average; 7 is excellent. A score of 12 makes it clear that you know the history of cars. If you score 18, you are dubbed an expert.



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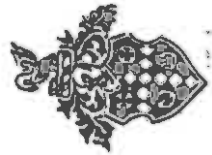
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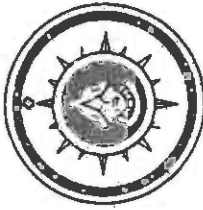
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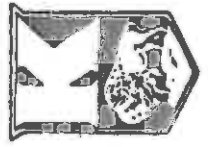
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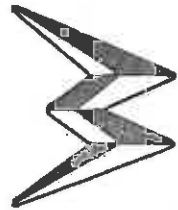
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Submitted by Bill Artzberger



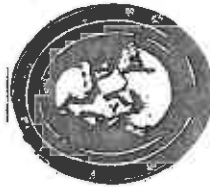
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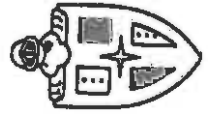
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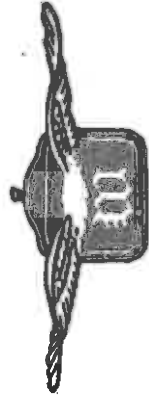
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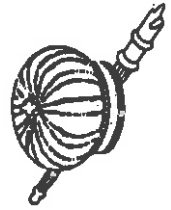
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What is Wheel Alignment?

Wheel alignment is normally considered the proper adjustment of the front wheels. (With independent rear suspension the Corvairs' rear wheels must also have proper alignment.) On most cars there are three adjustable settings: Toe, Camber and Caster. On some cars, only one or two of these are adjustable. The others are permanently set at the factory.

What is Toe?

Toe is the amount the front of the wheels are closer together than the rear of the wheels or viceversa. When the front of the wheels is closer together than the rear, this is called Toe-in (Fig. 1). When the rear of the wheels is closer together than the front, this is called Toe-out (Fig. 2). Wheels are Toed-in or Toes-out depending on the type of vehicle, so that in overcoming forces of forward motion, the tires are rolling straight ahead. Corvairs require Toe adjustment on both the front and rear wheels.

Fig. 1



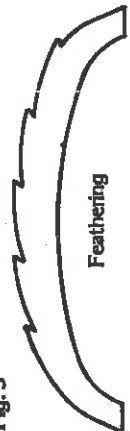
Fig. 2



What happens when Toe settings are incorrect?

When a vehicle with incorrect Toe setting is moving, the tires are being dragged sideways, causing premature tire wear. Tires Toed-in too much will wear starting from the outside edges. Tires Toed-out too much will wear starting from the inside edges. Tire wear caused by incorrect Toe is called feathering (Fig. 3).

Fig. 3



What is Camber?

Camber is the inward or outward tilt of the wheels from the top. If the top of the wheel tilts inward from the vertical, the wheel has Negative Camber (Fig. 4). If the top of the wheel tilts outward from the vertical, it has Positive Camber (Fig. 5). Positive Camber is more common. Corvairs require camber adjustment at the front and rear wheels.

Fig. 4



Fig. 5



What does Camber do?

Camber helps keep the wheels nearly perpendicular to the road under normal load conditions. This also helps distribute the load on the tires and wheels more evenly.

What happens when Camber settings are incorrect?

Premature tire wear (Fig. 6). Too much Positive Camber will wear the tires on the outside; too much Negative Camber will wear them on the inside. A great difference in the camber setting of the front wheels will cause them to pull sharply to one side.

Fig. 6



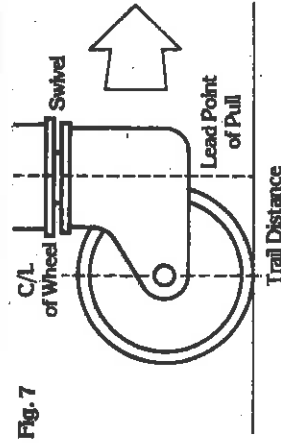
What is Caster?

Caster refers to the angle at which the front axes are attached to the vehicle. If the upper attachment is tilted back at the top behind the lower attachment, this is called Positive Caster. If the upper attachment is forward of the lower, this is Negative Caster.

What does Caster do?

Caster is set so that a vehicle will tend to go straight ahead. Positive Caster has the effect of making the wheels act as if the vehicle is being pulled from the front, so that they will line up behind the point of pull, much like the caster wheels on a shopping cart. A shopping cart tends to roll in a straight line (unless you get one like I cursed in the super market the other day) because the wheels line up or trail behind the point of pull. The greater the trail distance, the greater the tendency to roll straight ahead (Fig. 7).

Fig. 7



The caster setting on a vehicle is adjustable in order to increase or decrease the effective trail distance. Corvairs require caster adjustment at the front wheels only.

What happens if the Caster setting is incorrect?

Too little Caster will cause a car to "wander" and make it feel unstable at high speeds. Too much Caster causes hard steering and can also result in excessive road shock and shimmy.

What am I doing here?

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OK, I left the station, owner of a '65 Corvair Monza. This was in the fall of 1980.

So how did I end up in the Club? Well, I was already a subscriber to "Old Cars" magazine, and in the spring of 1981, during my recovery from open heart surgery, I read where there was to be a Corvair Show in Morgantown, West Virginia. So when the date came around in June, Jean and I decided we would try to locate it, not in our Monza though. We didn't trust it to go that far, let alone get us back home. We found the show, and what did we see first, none other than these two beautiful cars, that we now know as Tiger I and II. Yes, we met Bill Artzberger, Wayne Jones, and later met Isadore and Shirley Krouse, and their beautiful original blue convertible. After much idle chatter about my car, they invited us to the June meeting, which we attended. We were highly impressed with the friendliness of those attending that night, so we joined in July of '81, and here I am now, your President. Needless to say, I have learned much about Corvairs, but am still ready and willing to learn more. I was told by a fellow member that Corvairs are like rabbits, they have a way of multiplying, so should I say, I'm sorta looking for another if the "price is right."

For Sale

1964 Corvair Pick-up '95' Series
4-speed, 83,000 miles, \$1,500.
John Kuszirak, Jr. 266-2803

1966 Corvair Convertible
Maroon/black/new white top. 140 hp, 92,000 mi.
rebuilt, no emblems. Must sell \$2,700. 15 mi.S.
of east 24 of PA turnpike.
George Evans. After 8 p.m. (215) 431-2449.

ANSWERS, Strictly for Car Buffs

from p.4 and 5.

1. Cadillac
2. Pontiac
3. Mercury
4. Oldsmobile
5. Packard
6. De Soto
7. Hupmobile
8. Franklin
9. La Salle
10. Kaiser
11. Backer Electric
12. Willys
13. Locornobile
14. Lafayette
15. Lincoln
16. Stevens Duryea
17. White Stanhope
18. Frazer-Kaiser
19. Cord-Auburn
20. Royal Reo

New Members

Armin & Jan Abramson, Greensburg, 832-5637. Armin is a 44 year old pharmacist who owns a '62 Corvair coupe. Armin & Jan were introduced to WPCC by Bill & Jean Brill, and attended our January meeting.

Robert J. Ozosky, Pittsburgh, 381-1535. Bob is 63, retired and owns a '68 Coupe and also belongs to CORSA. Welcome to WPCC, Bob.

Jack & Joyce Bachman, Pittsburgh, 931-9264. Jack is a 36 year old maintenance man, who owns a '61 Corvair sedan. Jack was recommended by Vice President Tom Kruss, and also attended the January meeting.



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.

CORVAIR SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.
P.O. Box 2488
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	_____
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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
 - 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
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