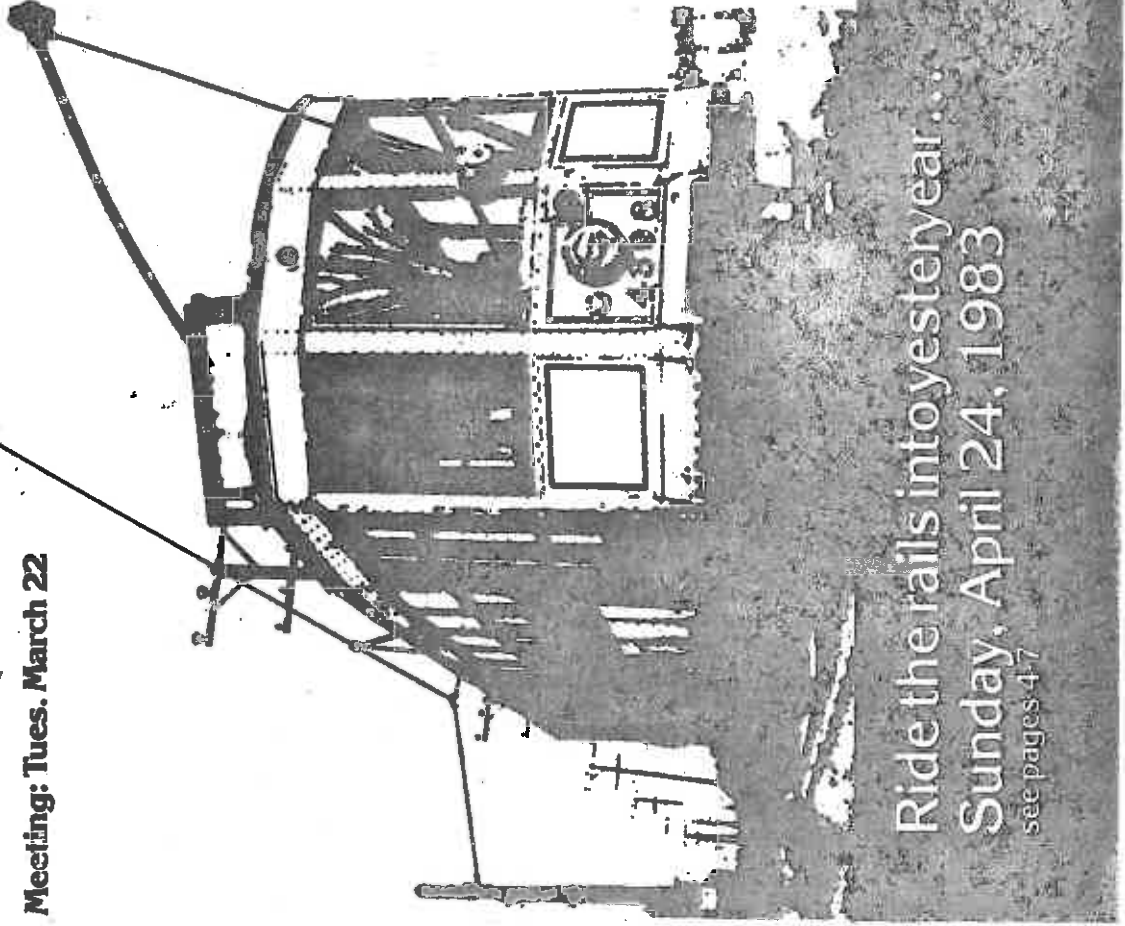


THE VAIR STREET JOURNAL

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

MARCH 1983

Meeting: Tues. March 22



Ride the rails into yesteryear...
Sunday, April 24, 1983
see pages 4-7

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 qualitatively 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 anti-freeze 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 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 Shepherd 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 _____ OTHER CAR CLUBS _____
RECOMMENDED BY _____ AMOUNT PAID _____
OTHER INFORMATION: _____

Minutes from W.P.C.C. meeting of Feb. 22, 1983

by Sandy Burrows, Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 8:08 by President Bob Larson. All officers and three board members were present.

Treasurers report was read and approved.

Secretary's report was read and approved.

Old Business:

Century III Mail Car Show this month. Seven members are bringing cars, others have volunteered to sit with the cars and answer questions concerning the cars and club.

Bob Ashworth reported that we will have a problem with the Arden Trolley Museum tour as it does not open until May 1. An alternate April event is being looked into.

Tom Kress reported that there was no more word on the autocross tentatively scheduled for the 27th, there should be one, but to be safe, call 'OUR CARS' before going out to North Park.

Bill Artzberger read a letter from the Friends of Corvaire club stating their intention of attending our day at Kenneywood Park. They also invited us to the event on October 8-9 at Atwood State Park near Canton. Anyone interested should contact Bill Artzberger.

New Business:

Tom Kress reported on Corsas' inclusion of a Street Driven class in future Concours competitions. You must have a regular state license plate, you can not have entered it into previous concours, and it must be street driven daily. The Corsas board of Directors should be passing this soon.

Isadore Krouse thanked all for their help during his term. He also introduced new members Albert and Shirley Dean from New Bethlehem.

Dick Brier introduced new members Jack O'Connor and his children, Shawn and Lisa. They are from the South Hills.

Members attending their first meeting were Frank and Angie Carcaise from Rochester in Beaver County.

Bill Brill is accepting dues, so if you haven't paid them yet, please get them to him soon.

Wayne Jones reported on Syracuse Mini Convention on June 3-5 at the same location as the Convention (only cheaper). More info will be in the next Communiqué.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54

50/50 won by Shawn O'Connor

Tech Talk: RUST REMOVAL

by Wade Lanning
(Reprinted from the Oct. 1982 Central Va. Corvair Club Newsletter)

Here is a method for removing rust that will give excellent results at a minimum of cost and which can be reused many, many times. The material is muriatic acid, which is available at almost any building supply firm as it is used by contractors to clean brick. Before going out to buy it, here are the limitations:

1. The part to be cleaned must be totally immersed in the acid. That means it has to be removed from the automobile and dunked.

The acid will not remove grease! Grease and excess dirt should be removed before soaking. It will loosen paint but is not as good as paint remover.

3. The acid must be used in a plastic container. Mix 1 part acid to 5 parts of water. Always add acid to water and not vice versa or you could generate a lot of heat. Wear safety goggles and rubber gloves when working with acid. **KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN** even if you have to lock it up.

4. Try to get a corrosion inhibitor to add to the acid. Rodine 213 is one such inhibitor and is available at chemical supply companies. Rodine mix is 1 quart per 100 gallons of full-strength acid, so very little is required. Also, it is good to set up another container of soda ash to dip the part in to neutralize the acid.

5. Cleaning time will vary depending on how rusty the parts are. A very rusty suspension part will take about 24 hours soaking time. Wheel drums take about 4-6 hours.

6. Be prepared to paint the part very soon after removing from the acid. The metal will be very susceptible to light rusting on exposure to humidity. Metal prep or Ospho works well after the muriatic acid and soda ash treatment.

7. Do not use on aluminum or stainless steel! Prolonged soaking (48 hours or so) will even remove threads from a bolt! Experiment with the diluted acid to determine the best cleaning times.

Results are amazing! I have cleaned control arms, crossmembers, axles, wheel drums, etc., etc., and the parts look like they have been sandblasted inside and out. Be sure to paint inside crossmembers and other hollow parts. Cost of the acid is about \$3 per gallon in one-gallon jugs. Larger quantities are less expensive. Ten gallons (enough for a 55-gallon drum) should cost about \$16-18. Soda ash is about \$10 per hundred pounds. Fifty pounds of soda ash is needed for a 55-gallon drum. You can immerse an entire Corvair gas tank in a 55-gallon drum.

If you have any questions, get in touch with me at 804-861-5748. Above all, be very careful handling acid. It will do a lot of damage to you if handled improperly. It does an unbelievable job on rusty parts, providing proper cautions are exercised.

Spring Autocross

by Tom Krass

It's that time of year again! If you've been itching to weave through the pylons, you'll get the change in April.

Drivers Clinic

The March 29th Autocross scheduled earlier last month has been cancelled due to the Steel City Sports Car Clubs schedule. But on April 10th, there will be a Drivers Clinic at the North Park Pool parking lot for those who have never participated in an Autocross. There will also be some interesting tips for those "veterans" who want to improve their driving and timing.

The Autocross

On the following Sunday, April 17th, at the North Park Pool parking lot, the

regular Autocross will be staged. WPC has arranged to attend both events. Please bring your own food and drinks since the club will not be supplying them.

Be prompt! Starting time for both days is 9:30 a.m. sharp. Since the Steel City Club is running the event, we are their guests, and therefore have no control over the proceedings. For obvious reasons, you will not be permitted on the course until your car has been tech inspected by authorized course personnel. You'll want to correct any problems you might have now to avoid difficulty at North Park.

Our last Autocross had 17 cars participating. Let's make it 50, this time.

New Members

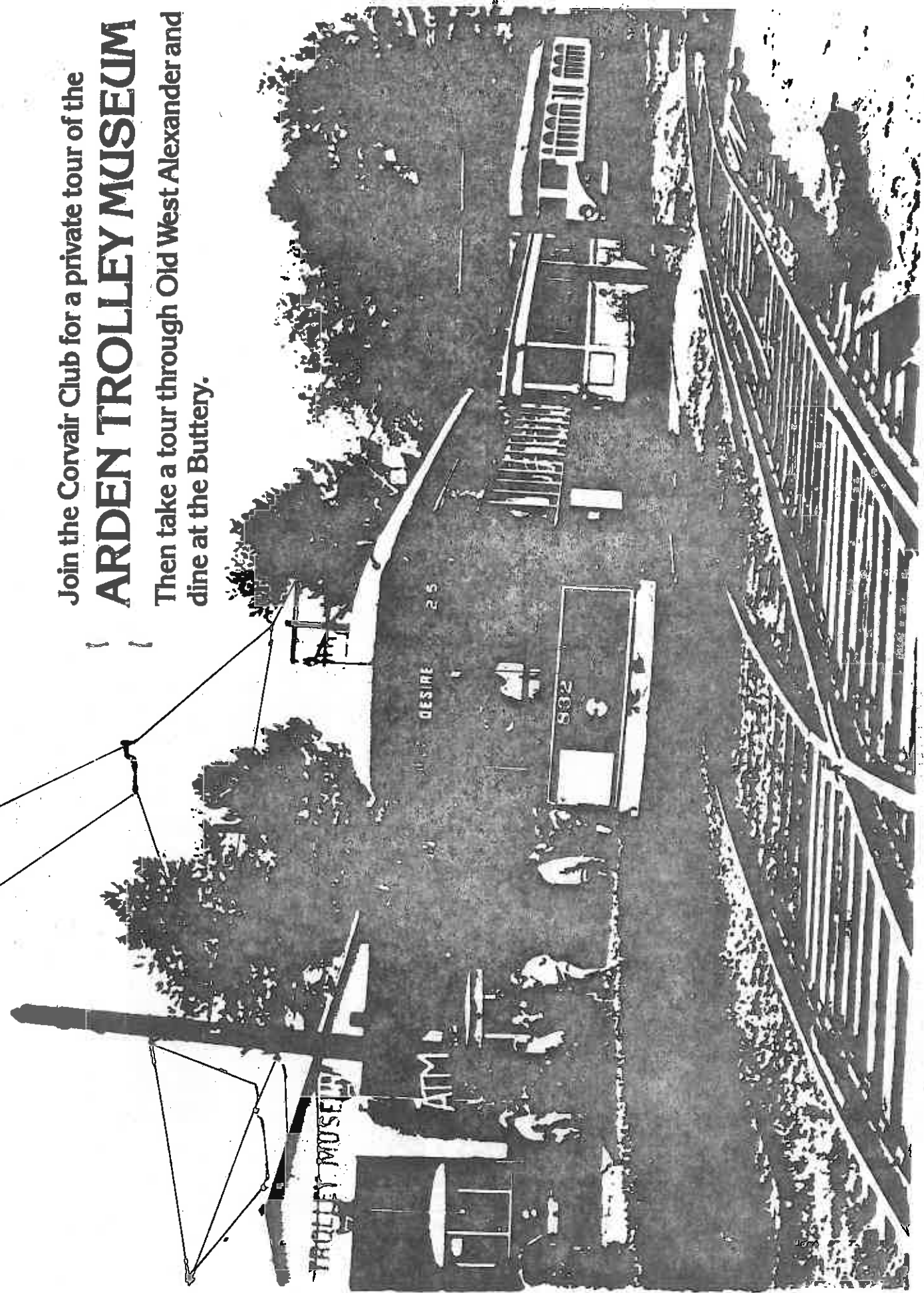
Albert & Shirley Dean, New Bethlehem, Pa. (814) 275-3590. Al is 50 years old and is self employed. They own a show quality 67 Monza sedan. They also joined CORSA, and were introduced to both clubs by Isadore & Shirley Krouse. We all enjoyed meeting Al & Shirley at the Feb. meeting.

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
Munhall, PA 15120

Join the Corvair Club for a private tour of the
ARDEN TROLLEY MUSEUM
 Then take a tour through Old West Alexander and
 dine at the Buttery.



FAMILY TROLLEY FOLLY

ARDEN TROLLEY MUSEUM

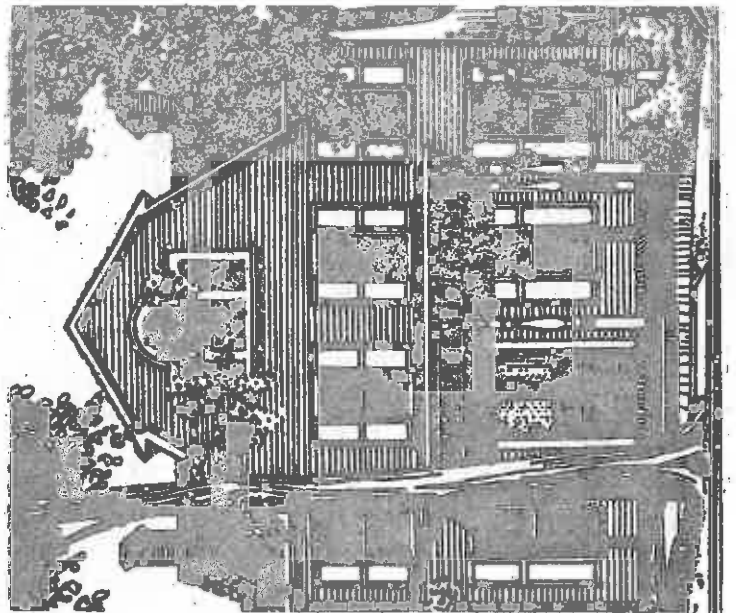
Unique collection of restored trolleys and early railcars. Take a ride on their own antique trolley course. Museum will open (before the normal season) especially for our group. Small charge for ride, museum free.

WEST ALEXANDER

Originally a stopoff on the Old Pike dating to the early days of America. Today, old houses have been turned into quaint collection of craft and country shops. Also includes:

THE BUTTERY

A delightful place to eat in West Alexander. Home made and cooked meals. We will have our own private dining room.



THE BUTTERY

SUNDAY APRIL 24

by Bob Ashworth

Schedule:

- 12:N (sharp) .. Leave Howard Johnsons, Monroeville (or meet you at Arden)
- 1:PM Private tour of ARDEN TROLLEY MUSEUM (free) followed by ride in an antique trolley.
- 2:45 Ride: Adults \$ 1.50 Children under five \$.75
- Leave in convoy to West Alexander, PA.
- Tour and shop in Old West Alexander
- 5:15 Dinner at the Buttery. Homemade, homecooked: choice of: Chicken
Ham
Pork Chop

Adults - \$8.50 including beverage, tax and tip. Dessert not included.
Children 12 and under \$4.75.

Reservations:

Let us know before APRIL 15 to reserve a place for you. We must pay for each dinner reservation made. Either:

Sign up at the march 22 meeting

-OR-

Call Bob or Betty Ashworth - (412) 793-1784

-OR-

Write Bob at 14 Crescent Hills Rd., Pittsburgh 15235

Directions:

Get map at March 22 meeting

-OR-

Meet and convoy from HoJo, Monroeville

-OR-

Meet at Arden Museum - Exit Route 79 (north of Washington, PA) at the Meadowlands Exit and follow signs to the Trolley Museum

-THEN TO-

West Alexander - Exit Route 70 (west of Washington, PA) at Exit 1. Last exit before the West Virginia border. Turn north into town.

For Sale

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, 2 new snows, 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. \$3300 takes it all.

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

For Sale

62 "500" coupe
63 conv. 110 H.P. coupe
63 Spyder 150 H.P. coupe
64 Spyder 150 H.P. coupe
All are 4 Speeds.
Brady Schrecongost
% Curt Moore Chevrolet
Rt. 85 West
Rural Valley, Pa. (412) 783-7391.

1964 Monza Coupe
Silver-blue, blue interior, restored.
Carl 366-4084

1965 Monza Sedan
Red/black, 37,000 mi. New brakes and rear bearings. Must sell soon.
Bill Reichold 854-5094 Bethel Park



Corvair Society of America

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

(Please Print)
Last Name _____ First _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Chapter _____ Chapter No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Reason for joining CORSA _____

Activity Interest: _____

Age _____ Phone _____

Occupation _____

CHECK ONE: NEW RENEWAL

RENEWALS

My name and address are correct as printed

Make the following corrections to my name and address:

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 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

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Expires _____

SURVEY OF CARS OWNED AND INTERESTS

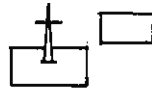
1. I own _____ running Corvairs.
2. I own _____ restorable Corvairs.
3. I own _____ parts Corvairs.
4. I use my Corvairs for:
 - Concours - How Many? _____
 - Daily Use
 - Racing
 - Other _____
5. My main reason for joining CORSA is:
 - Support my hobby Fellowship
 - Increase the value of my investment
 - 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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3677 Forbes Trail Dr.
Murrysville, PA 15668

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

GOOD SHEPHERD
LUTHERAN
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OLD WM. PENN HWY.

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RT. 48

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PARKWAY BY-PASS

MONROEVILLE
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PLUM EXIT

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BUS. RT. 22

MURRYSVILLE

HOWARD
JOHNSON'S

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