

THE VAIR STREET JOURNAL

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

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Family Picnic

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Compass Inn/Packsaddle Bridge Tour:
Sunday, October 23

Meeting:
Tuesday, October 25

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 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 _____
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CORSA MEMBER? YES NO CORVAIRES OWNED, YR.: MODEL _____
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OTHER INFORMATION _____

Minutes of the WPCC meeting of Sept. 27, 1983

by Sandy Burrows

Meeting was called to order at 8:15.

Present were the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Board members Judy Jones, Carol Friend, Bob Ashworth, and Herb Horn.
Treasurer's Report: New Balance \$956.61* (this is the correct balance).
Secretary's Report: Read and Approved.

Old Business:

Bob Larison said the Mahoning Dam trip was nice but that it was a pheasant farm not a fish farm.

Herb Horn spoke on the boat trip, it was a beautiful day and attendance was good. It was reported that Herb went through the line selling tickets to make up for no shows. Thanks to Herb and Gae.

Bob Ashworth went to the Elliottcothville NY show. The show was nice but sparsely attended. 50 Registered - 3 Vendors with minimum parts - about 20 cars in concours. Wayne Jones spoke on Lancaster. Only 1 person in the club spoke to them, it was 100 degrees and the pool was closed. There was no water for concours clean-up. They had unpublishized tours. The show did have a high point - there was a nice slide show on White Post. VA Wayne also spoke on the Hoosier Show that was attended by John Sweet. Nice event. 83 cars in show and all got 2 laps around the Indianapolis raceway.

Wayne also spoke on the Day Chevrolet show. Nice day and people. Congratulations to Dale Smith who took a second, the white tiger took a third.

New Business:

Wayne Jones spoke on suggestions for next year:

1. Trunk party at Hartwood Acres (Just like Rolling Rock)
2. Kennywood weekend - Friday Night - Hospitality Room at Quality Inn
Saturday - Road Rally and Kennywood Park
Sunday - Autocross and Gymkana

All events would end at 2:30 on Sunday. There would be tours for the ladies.

Al Friend spoke on the Compass Inn. Should be a very interesting trip. Try to make it. Don't forget to bring your camera. (note from Carol - Bring your umbrella!)
Dinner menu: ham and turkey \$7.50.

Luke would like to put a photo album in our January or February Journal. Anyone with photos of our events (preferably with People) get them to Luke. He will return all photos. Do not write on the backs of the photos. Write on an envelope and then insert the picture. Add a caption if you like!

The National Convention is July 26-28 in Parsippany, NJ. Lets all try for the Cole award. Register early! (are you listening Jim).

Dave Fabyonic spoke on the coming of Ralph Nader to Boyce on Oct 12. All interested in attending with their cars were asked to sign up with Dave.

See Bob Larison if you need your harmonic balancer restored - 15.00 a piece. Tony Phelps spoke on the Labor Day race - The Vintage Grand Prix. 80 cars raced the excellent Schenley Park course. Planning is under way for next year.

Welcome to new members Frank and Jean Crouch - Jean has a '67 4-door Sedan (bought new).

Bob Larison and Vaun Hamlin spoke on the hazards of car jacks. Please remember to use jack stands.

Meeting adjourned - 9:45.

The "No" Autocross Family Picnic - Nov. 13th

by Tom Kress

Due to circumstances beyond my control, I'm sorry to say their won't be an autocross. Instead, we are having a family picnic at the North Park Old Fire House. The Fire House is indoors, has lights, heat (fire-places) and plenty of room for all. As usual, the club will supply the hot dogs, hamburgers, beer and a covered dish.

This will also give us a chance to get together, meet new members and just talk about anything. We'll "try" and keep the kids busy with some football on the field adjacent to the lodge.

It is said around the club, that some events are to costly or this event isn't for me. Well, this event is for everyone. A picnic is an American invention.

So men, shut the Steelers off the TV, and bring your family out to the park on November 13th.

From the turnpike come south on Rt. 19. Stay on old Rt. 19. As you come up to Ingomar Rd., Dahlemers Discounts will be on your right, pass Dahlemers and climb the hill to the traffic light. At the light make a left onto Ingomar Rd. Follow road into park. You'll pass "Chubs" sandwich shop and the battling cages. At the intersection (first one in park) make a left. As you make the left, look to your right, the road you see is Walter Road. Turn right onto Walter and the Old Fire House Lodge is down this road. From the south (Pgh.) follow Perry Highway to Ingomar Rd. Amoco Station at Ingomar for a landmark.

Then follow directions above from Ingomar Rd.

P.S. For those who just can't stand to miss the Steelers, a T.V. will be on the premises.

Covalts on the track

by Bill Artzberger

We all know by now that the North Park swimming pool parking lot is the scene of lots of autocross racing during the spring and fall of every year. Although WPCC does not sponsor any of the events, we are always welcome to race our Covalts. A few of our club members are "regulars" and here's the results of the Sunday October 2, 1983 event:

Covalt	55.278	Camaro	53.087
Covalt	52.056	Monza GT	55.055
TR6	58.930	Mustang	61.271
WGTI	49.573	Camaro	53.544
WRTI	49.202	AMC Javelin	57.515
WGTI	51.162	Mustang GT	55.255
TR7	52.838	Lotus	52.126
RX7	51.069	Porsche 944-6	51.666
240Z	59.220	Flat X19	48.408
RX7	50.205	RX7 Mod.	48.081
Trans Am	55.193	RX7 Mod.	47.258
Mustang GT	52.890	MG8 Mcd.	47.591

The above is only a partial list of the 55 cars that were there. As you can observe, Covalts hold their own against most sports cars. These Covalts were not race prepared in any way. This is not an excuse for not having the best time of the day. But only to show that if our Covalt drivers were more serious about the sport, their times could approach some of the prepared cars that are much newer and initially cost as much as 10 times more!!

If you'll take further notice, the Covalts did better than any of the newer longer-wheel base cars such as the Trans Am, Camaro and Corvette. (The fastest Corvette was 52.783 and the slowest was 54.152 - 5 Corvettes present).

So what's the point of all this? The point is that our Covalts were a darned good car some 20 years ago when they were first made. And thru all the

latest engineering, innovations and sophistication leading up to the newest automobiles, the Covalt remains as strong and agile as any. What else can be said? Aren't you happy that you own one?

A look back to Packsaddle '76

from the March 1976 Journal, by Al Friend

Ten Covalts including new member, Bill Artzberger's beautiful, newly restored Covalt, and one front wheel drive water-pumper made the trip. The winter landscape was simply breathtaking, truly a winter wonderland. The pine trees were all flocked, the hardwoods sparkled in a coat of ice, and in places, snowdrifts towered over the cars on both sides of the road. The back roads were mostly snow-covered and beautiful, and so were the main highways, come to think of it. In several places while winding through the mountains we could look out our side window and see the last car above or below us. It was perfect "Covalt" weather: snow and ice everywhere and more coming down.

We only had two delays. The first was getting past stranded water-pumpers on a particularly icy slope of Route 30. The other problem developed when I had my room-mate taking movies instead of navigating, and we did a little backtracking before we finally located Packsaddle Bridge. Ten Covalts and a trailing Audi went past a mailman in a pick-em-up truck three times. The poor guy was waved at 33 times in ten minutes on a lonely mountain road by the craziest bunch of city slickers this side of Punxsutawney.

Well, after all that fun, we did locate the bridge. Since it was at the bottom of the steepest snow-covered hill in the world we decided to send John and Erma Getz down to see if they could make it back up. We picked the

Getz's because their home is only seven miles from Packsaddle; easy walking distance in two feet of snow! Besides we could have sent someone down for them in the Spring! Well, as it turned out, their Vair came up like it was on a dry road. So we all finally drove through, looked at, touched, and took pictures of Packsaddle Bridge and the partially frozen waterfall. Is it any wonder, that we all stuffed ourselves at the Oakhurst Tea Room afterward.

Hey gang -- if you're going to drive a fun car, that can do anything as well as, or better than, anything else on the road, come on out and join us on these excursions. Believe me, we have a ball. The gang on this trip ranged in age from 5-80, so don't be thinking that you won't fit in. Bring a friend or another couple in the back seat. You only go around life once, you know.

To Bob Ashworth:

A wish for a speedy recovery from heart bypass surgery to be performed this month at St. Francis Hospital.

To Isadore Krouse:

A wish for continued and complete recovery from his recent stroke.

WPCC Event Pictures Wanted

You've no doubt taken your Instamatic or 35mm camera to one of our events during this past year. You took a few pictures, had them developed and printed, and now they're collecting dust on the dining room table or you've tucked them in the last remaining space on a shelf in the hall closet. Take heart friends and neighbors... now through the auspices of the Vair Street Journal and this illustrious editor, you too can have one of your (no

doubt, prize-winning) snapshots published in a real live printed publication (a copy even goes to CORSA). Yes, you too can know the glamor that befalls those who are part of the printing and publishing industry. You too can be the subject of conversation at your next cocktail party, block party or lynch party.

You're no doubt wondering how all these doors can be opened to you. Well friends and neighbors, it's very simple indeed. This editor is planning to publish an album issue of the Journal in January or February and those photos from the dining room table, hall closet or junk drawer are the valuable bits of incapsulated pictorial data that are needed.

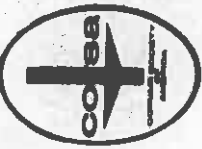
Act Now! Here's all you have to do: Look through those prize-winning photos • pick out several • try to pick interesting photos...people or identify the people in the shot • write the information and your name on an envelope...one envelope per picture (do not write the information on the back of the picture) • Place the pictures in their respective envelopes and mail it to me (with return postage and your address if you want them back) or simply bring the envelopes and pictures to a meeting.

IMPORTANT: Color or black and white prints only! Sorry, color slides cannot be used.

Send photos and other correspondence to:

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

Thank You.



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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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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

- 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

New Members

James Dally, Pittsburgh, (412) 563-5942. Jim is a 56 year young professor at my alma mater of Slippery Rock. Jim recently acquired a '65 convertible, and was recommended by Herb Horn.

For Sale

Books:

Corvair chassis shop manuals and supplements for '62, '63 and '65 thru '69. Body service manual for '65 thru '69. GM chassis and body parts catalog for '60 thru '69. "How to Keep Your Corvair Alive" and "How to Hotrod Corvairs". 10 books in all.

R. L. Schmidt (412) 265-2134

Parts For Sale

Valve spring compressor.
R. L. Schmidt (412) 265-2134

CORVAIR STUFF: This month's "Blue Light" specials are body parts. We have doors, hoods, deck lids and repair sections for both early and late models. Low, low prices... late model front Delco shock absorbers \$13.00 each, this month only. These are nearly impossible to find. Call Wayne Jones 882-2109 or Bill Airtzberger 364-6842.

