

THE VAIR STREET JOURNAL

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

APRIL 1984



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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 Vair" 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" (CORSAs), a rapidly growing international organization now boasting over 8,000 members. Like all automobile marque clubs of international stature, CORSAs requires all chapter members to also belong to CORSAs, 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 CORSAs provides a beautiful monthly magazine named "The CORSAs Communicates".

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.

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

CORSAs MEMBER? YES NO CORVAIRES OWNED, YR.: MODEL _____

RECOMMENDED BY _____ AMOUNT PAID _____ OTHER CAR CLUBS _____

OTHER INFORMATION: _____

Minutes of the WPCC meeting of March 27, 1984 Terri Stankus Present, were President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer; board members, D. Baker, B. Larison & D. Smith. Treasurer's Report: Read and approved. Balance \$407.30. Secretary's Report: Read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Herb Horn suggested the new membership list be printed soon. Dave Fabyonic will follow through on the matter.

REMINDER-Dues are now due!

Bill Brill reported on April 1, Meyersdale Event - Five or six Corvaire arriving early could be parked together.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Daily talked about the Corvaire he bought recently.

John Sweet's Tech Session, following the meeting: 60-69 Production, how to read vehicle identification plates, i.e. paint colors, model, location made etc. May Tech Session will be parts identification.

Jim Lane presented a list of parades the club might consider participating in.

Wayne Jones talked about Bill Artzberger's trip to White Post Restorations. Bill will give us a full report at the April Meeting. Club members may wish to make a weekend trip to White Post.

John Sweet said the Communiques are late but coming.

June 9th and 10th - Hillbilly Hullabaloo.

Archie commended Luke on the fantastic job he's done as editor of "The Vair Street Journal." Thanks Luke!

Bates Murphy VOLUNTEERED to be the new editor.

Wayne Jones is retiring as "Chief of Distribution". Any volunteers to staple and mail "The Vair Street Journal"?

Don Baker said that there is a need for drivers at the School for the Blind Braille Rally, May 10.

Isadore Krouse donated a Corvaire Bearing Puller to WPCC. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 50/50 won by Dave Fabyonic

Old Economy Village - April 29

by Armin Abramson

On Sunday April 29th, WPCC will tour Old Economy Village, third and final settlement of the Harmony Society, a German religious sect that died out because it banned marriage. Under the leadership of Father Rapp, the sect first settled in Harmony, Butler County (adjacent to Zellenople) early in the nineteenth century. It then moved to Indiana, and from there to Old Economy, where it prospered in farming and manufacturing, but alas died out because of the ban on marriage and the inability to attract new members. The Society was dissolved in 1905.

We will leave from Howard Johnson's Motel parking lot in Monroeville at 12:30 pm. and progress toward Pittsburgh on the Parkway. We will then follow I-79 and exit to Pa. 65, which will take us to Old Economy.

A tour of the Old Economy Village will begin at 2:00 pm. and last approximately 90 minutes. Our guides will be from the Harmonie Associates. Cost per person is \$3.00.

After the tour we will be treated to a fun supper, outside if weather permits, at Mad Anthony's Bier Stube and Restaurant, where everyone will order from the menu. (Mad Anthony's is located on Merchant Street in the German Village, just North of Old Economy). Sandwiches are \$3.00 or \$4.00, while dinners are under \$10.00. Dinner is planned for 4:00 pm.

It will be greatly appreciated by both the Harmonie Associates and Mad Anthony's if we can give them an approximate count by April 25th. So, PLEASE call Jan or Armin Abramson at 925-9150 or let us know at the April 24th meeting if you can join us for what should be a great outing.

Street Road, Classic, Antique and Corvette Show

Mike Moran told me there's a car show on April 29th, sponsored by the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation, at Station Square in the west parking lot. Show is from 10 - 6. Registration; \$5.00. For registration information phone: 264-0497

On the road to Parsippany

by Al Friend

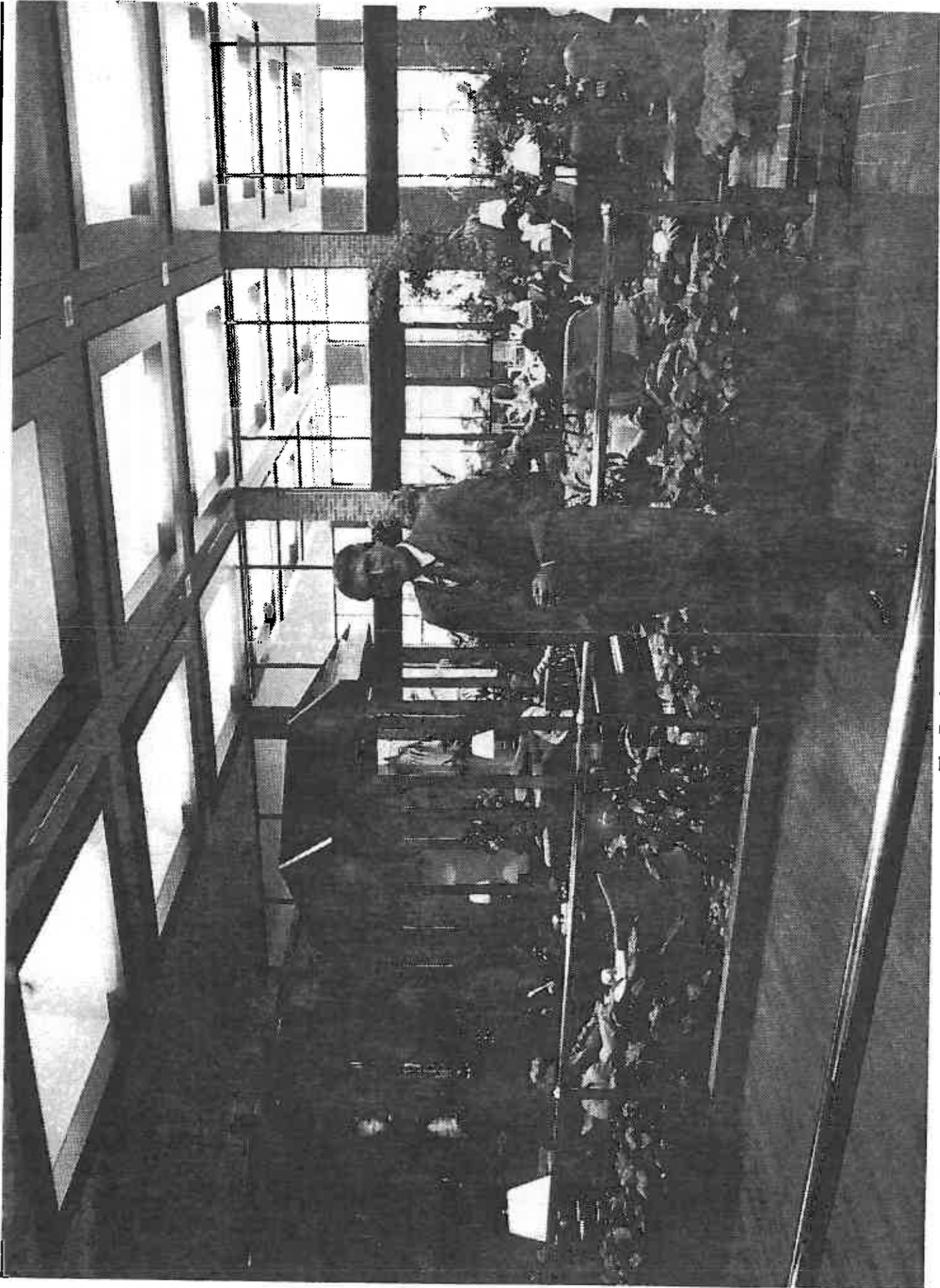
In mid February cabin fever hit Carole and I so bad, that a trip to the Atlantic City Antique Car Auction & Flea Market seemed like the only medicine that would help. Besides, about once a year, I get a craving to throw dice. Carole decided that her right arm could use some exercise too. Oh well, our loss is Bally's gain!

Since Parsippany N.J. was on the way, sorta, we thought that we would stop and check up on the national convention site. After all, we may even take the red '64, if the area isn't too congested. Since it only added two hours to the trip, we decided to do it. We took the route that we would most likely follow in July, hopefully with a whole gaggle of WPCC Vairs! East on Rt. 22, North on Rt. 220, then East on Interstate 80, all the way to Parsippany.

The total distance is 350 miles from Monroeville, taking about seven hours with pit stops. There is a perfect spot to meet our friends from Ohio and points west, at a new, very large rest stop, 38 miles east of the Rt. 220 intersection on Rt. 80. The scenery was nothing short of magnificent. One half hour out of Monroeville, the mountains are in sight, and the rest of the trip is spectacular. There is a new four lane section near Cresson, that goes up and over the Allegheny Front. The Conradl mainline winds along the ridges above and to the left. Be sure everyone in your Corvair is awake for this stretch of mountain scenery. Then nature's beauty continues as we travel between two ridges, adjacent to the Little Juniata River, then next to Bald Eagle Creek all the way to I-80. If your passengers plan to take a nap while traveling along a boring freeway, FORGET IT. This freeway just happens to take you through the heart of the Pocono Mountains, right past the famous Camelback Ski Slopes, then to the Delaware Water Gap. Not past it, but right through it! Believe me folks, this is the highlight of the trip.

Every once in a while, as you wind through the Poconos, you'll get a brief glance at the very pronounced features of the Gap. The sides seem to be vertically verti-

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The Parsippany Hotel Lobby

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cal, and at the same time, very narrow. Not only does the Delaware River fit through this gash in the ridge, but so does a railroad, and then by some feat of engineering, they fit I-80 through it also. The speed limit is 35 MPH through the Gap, and with good reason. No matter how hard you try, it is impossible not to rubberneck at a sight like this. I almost hit the medial barrier three times. Oh yes, you'll need a dime for the toll to cross the Delaware. This is the only toll on the entire trip. Just think what the father of our nation had to go through to get across that stream! You are now less than an hour from the Hilton, and the scenery continues to be very pretty into New Jersey.

The Hilton seemed to us, to be brand new. And is it ever beautiful! It is sort of by itself as part of an office complex. There are acres of parking, not congested at all. There is an indoor and an outdoor pool, several restaurants, a nightclub, several bars, tennis courts, a well equipped exercise room and lots more. By now the casinos were beckoning, so we explored no further. There is nothing within walking range, but we noticed quite a few fast food outlets within a few miles of the hotel. Atlantic City is 2½ hours away. Our trip turned out to be a tremendous success in spite of our gambling losses, since the first vendor we asked, had a set of NOS early model outside door handles I've been looking for for ten years! **MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!!!**

New "Journal" Editor - Bates Murphy

During last months meeting I met and sat with Bates Murphy, who graciously volunteered to succeed me as editor of the Vair Street Journal. I would like to thank him for coming through as he did. Let's keep his mailbox filled with goodies for the Journal. His address is:

4291 Jackson Street
Murrysville, PA 15668

Phone: (412) 327-3472

Our last event--Maple Festival

MEYERSDALE (4/1/84) The weather was clear, cold and dry. About 150 classic and special interest cars were on the streets of this town.

Seven Corvairs were shown: Five from WPCO members, one from a Johnstown owner and one out of Berlin, Pa. WPCO member cars shown were:

Brill's Miller's
Flemmigen's Tintzman's
Krouse's

Also present, and enjoying the Festival, were several WPCO members and their families who showed up in their waterpumpers.

A third place trophy was won by George and Ruth Ann Flemmigen, who are WPCO members from Waynesburg, Pa. They drove a beautiful 1963 Modified Corvair that drew a great deal of attention, especially from the young people.

The Lions Club did their usual fine work in serving Pancakes, Sausage, pure Maple Syrup, coffee and orange juice in unlimited supply.

The women of the Corvair Club spent much of the day visiting and inspecting the fine arts and crafts that were on display throughout the town.

Bill Brill
Arcie Miller
Event Chairmen

FOR RENT

Excellent, dry, indoor storage, wood floor, partially heated. Nick Pecorara or Nick Jr. Jeanette, PA (412) 523-3402. Call Al Friend if you need more details. \$25 per month.

FOR SALE

'66 "500" Sedan, under 30,000 original miles. Requires some body work.

Sidney Costa, (Pgh) Hm. (412)366-4365 Wk. (412)777-8761.

'68 Monza Co. 110/auto, 16,000 ml., excellent condition throughout. Medium blue/black. \$3500.
Bob Murry, Oil City, PA (814)677-5797.

'66 Corsa Co. (The Silver Bullet) 140/4sp. AM/FM quad speakers, 14" T/A radials on wide mags, custom interior, new metal & paint, partially rebuilt by John Sweet, tuned extractors, Quick shift. REBUILT: front end, brakes, shifter linkage, alternator, clutch, carbs. NEM: shocks, battery, springs, speedometer cable, fuzzies, much NOS chrome. Over \$5000 invested. \$3500.
Al Friend, Murrysville, PA (412)325-2588.



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 - \$22
- 26 month U.S. membership - \$44
- 1 year Canadian membership - \$32
- 26 month Canadian membership - \$64
- 1 year Overseas membership - \$35
- 26 month Overseas membership - \$70
- 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.
 2506 Gross Point Road
 Evanston, IL 60201
 (312) 475-7530

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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Months	_____
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SURVEY OF CARS OWNED AND INTERESTS

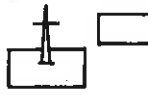
1. I own _____ running Corvairs.
2. I own _____ restorable Corvairs.
3. I own _____ parts Corvairs.
4. I use my Corvairs for:
 - Concours - How Many? _____
 - Daily Use
 - Racing
 - Other _____
5. My main reason for joining CORSA is:
 - Support my hobby Fellowship
 - Increase the value of my investment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



OLD WM. PENN HWY.

RT. 48

SCHOOL



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PARKWAY BY-PASS

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HOWARD
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