

# THE VAIR STREET JOURNAL

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

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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 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## From the Editor's Desk

I've been doing The Vaire Street Journal for about two years now, and with little more than a handful of annoyances caused by it, I think I can honestly say I've enjoyed it thoroughly. I've done my best to put out a newsletter that the WPCC and I can be proud of. In that regard, I think I've succeeded. Unfortunately this takes considerably more time than I should allow.

"Allow"....that's the key word. I do more than I'm sure is expected of me, but I just normally do things that way. At this point I can't change, so I've decided to call it quits for a while. Not on Corvaire or the Club, just the Journal.

The plan was to announce this at the February meeting. I don't understand it; it usually rains for events and meetings. So in the event that the March meeting is a carbon copy of February's, I decided it would be prudent to publish this in the Journal.

To allow sufficient time for us to coerce another member into being Editor/Publisher, I'll make the April issue of the Journal my last. The new Editor/Publisher will start with the May issue, unless of course he or she is anxious to get their feet wet in April.

For the benefit of the person who succeeds me I would like to point out one of the annoyances I mentioned earlier so that in the future reoccurrences of this kind will be a thing of the past. It only happened a few times, but on a number of occasions, Events Coordinators failed to supply sufficient copy about their event. I realize not everyone aspires to be a writer (myself included) but it is most helpful if the Events Coordinator writes copy as they would like to see it appear in the Journal. They should supply maps if necessary, prearrange meeting times, places and points of departure, supply photos if available and send this material to the editor in sufficient time to meet the publication date. These

things are the job of the Events Coordinator not the Editor. Enough said.

### My Thanks:

- to Al Friend, who generally had "new members" copy, "for sales", correspondence from CORSA, "Five years ago in the Journal", etc....
- to Bill Artzberger, who has been more than a regular contributor to many issues.
- to past Presidents Isadore Krouse, Bob Larison and now Archie Miller, for "Prez" columns.
- to Sandy, and now Terri, who had the monthly minutes to me in plenty of time.
- to all the Events Coordinators who made my job easier.
- to the others who sent materials and copy for publication.
- special thanks go to Wayne Jones, who handles pick-up and delivery, folding, stapling and mailing of the Journal. He also found us another printer along about a year ago who knows how to print.
- to Dave Fabyonic, who supplies Wayne with mailing labels each month.
- lest I forget Michelle, my typesetter who set type for many issues and made the copy look great.

In summary I'd like to thank all who helped, in ways both big and small. I'm hopeful the next Editor will receive the support of all, to the benefit of the Journal and the Club.

*Al Friend*

Charles J. Lucas  
Editor

## New Members

by Al Friend

**David Van Dyke, Pittsburgh (412) 854-1393.** Dave is 48 years old and he is in industrial marketing. He owns a 62 Monza coupe and was recommended by Vaun Hamlin.

# Meyersdale Maple Festival-Sun. April 1

Bill Brill and Archie Miller urge members who will be entering their Corvairs in the Street, Rod, and Classic Auto Show to FILL OUT THE ATTACHED PRE-REGISTRATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND SEND IT WITH YOUR CHECK TO THE ADDRESS SHOWN. Be sure to write "c/o Auto Show" on the envelope.

Bill feels that by pre-registering early, all the Corvairs will be grouped together in one location, rather than scattered throughout the town.

### List of Auto Show Classes

- Class 1 ..... Corvettes to 1967
- Class 2 ..... Corvettes 1968-1974
- Class 3 ..... Corvettes 1975-1984
- Class 4 ..... Sports Cars (Foreign)
- Class 5 ..... Mustangs 1964-1970
- Class 6 ..... Mustangs 1971-1984
- Class 7 ..... Custom VW's
- Class 8 ..... Street Rods (pre 1949)
- Class 9 ..... Street Machines
- Class 10 ..... Special Interest 1960-1966
- Class 11 ..... Special Interest 1967-1972
- Class 12 ..... Special Interest 1973-1984
- Class 13 ..... Commercial (Pickups)
- Class 14 ..... 4 Wheel Drives
- Class 15 ..... Vans
- Class 16 ..... Motorcycles

### NO LICENSE PLATE RESTRICTIONS

Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each class.

Dash Plaques for first 100 registered.

Location: Main & Center Streets, Meyersdale.

April 1 Registration: IGA parking lot, south of Meyersdale.

Closes: 1:00 p.m.

Fee: \$4.00

Subject to Judges' approval.

### Flea Market

For those who are interested in renting space at the flea market, spaces (10'x20') are available at \$5.00 per space.

### Schedule of events for April 1:

- Lions Club Pancake House
- Quilt Show
- Golden Age Hobby Show
- Bluegrass Entertainment
- Car Show
- Horse Pulling Contest

Don't forget, if you're leaving from the Pittsburgh area, you should plan to leave at 8:00 a.m. to arrive in Meyersdale at 10:00 a.m. This will allow you to find parking nearby.

For final arrangements you should be sure to attend the March Meeting on the 27th.

For more information call 814-634-0213  
or write

PENNSYLVANIA MAPLE FESTIVAL  
Box 222  
Meyersdale, PA 15552  
c/o Auto Show

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### Pre-registration

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CAR MAKE \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee \$4.00 per car.

Flea Market - Number of spaces @ \$5.00 per space.

## The Prez Ponders

If someone would have told me I would be President of WPCC in 1984, I wouldn't have believed it. I want to thank everyone who supported me during my five minute campaign at the January meeting. As President, I promise to start meetings by 8:30 and adjourn by 9:30. I also promise there will be no rain during my reign. We are hoping for good attendance at monthly meetings and planned events. Make an effort to recruit new members and encourage both new and old members to attend meetings. Hope to see you soon.

Ponderfully,

Archie Miller

## HELP WANTED

Editor/Publisher for Vair Street Journal  
Qualifications: Must love Corvairs.  
Must be able to read and write English.  
(But not necessarily with perfection).  
Typewriter or access to one, extremely helpful. Must have an imagination.  
(What are you doing in the Corvair Club if you don't have imagination and vision?)  
Flair for art, helpful...so is a ruler and a black, fine point, felt tip marker.

CORSA manual on newsletter preparation available for perusal upon request...take the job and it's yours.  
Job is only scary for the first issue. Consider yourself a professional after that. Results can be very satisfying too.

Previous Editor/Publisher is available for instruction, limited help, advice, more advice and psychiatric help (only kidding on that last one).

Interested persons should apply verbally at the March 27, 1984, WPCC meeting. You may also phone (412) 462-6735 and ask for Luke. You may write if you wish to:

Charles J. Lucas  
236 Marigold Street  
Munhall, PA 15120

## Century III Mail Show Cancelled

Tony Phelps wrote to say that the Mail Show has been cancelled. The Mail claims (1) there are too many car shows and (2) they can easily rent the space.

The following is a quote from the Steel Cities Diff (newsletter) by Jim Cowan, which Tony also sent. "...it seems that when a shopping center first opens, our club is welcomed because the unique character of sports cars brings out the crowds. But unfortunately, as the mall establishes itself, it can sell the time and space, making our show unprofitable and therefore not appealing. It sounds like we are on the short end, but it is an understandable business practice..."

Jim goes on to say there is a possibility of a Fall Show if a suitable mall can be located.

## FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE

### GET IT BEFORE THE CRUSHER DOES!

#### Late Model

- 1 Set doors for four door
- 3 Sets doors for 2 door
- 2 Trunk hoods
- 1 Engine hood
- 2 Bucket seats

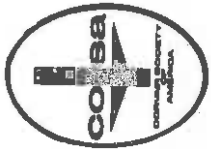
- 1 Convertible top mechanism (manual)
- 2 Air cleaner assemblies
- Red interior trim and headliner

#### Early Model

- 1 Automatic trans - 1964
- 2 Trunk hoods (1 1964 with letters)
- 1 Front and 1 rear bumper
- 1 Rear suspension, axles and drums in good shape
- 2 1964 bucket seats
- 1 Driver's door
- 1 Gas heater
- Some 13" wheels
- 1 Exhaust manifold
- 1 Engine hood (1964 with letters)
- 1 Instrument cluster with tach

#### For Sale

- 1 Auto trans for 140
  - 1 Set cylinders & pistons for 164
  - 6 Wheels for late model, new paint
- Also Lots of Other Stuff!  
Dave Lovejoy 563-1190 Eves. 391-7079 Days



# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

The following fee schedule includes your subscription to CORSA COMMUNIQUE, 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.  
2596 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

Rec'd	_____
Amount	_____
Months	_____
Acct. No.	_____
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:

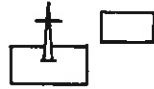
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 Feature Articles  Chapter News  
 Convention information  Local meet information  
 CORSA governmental action



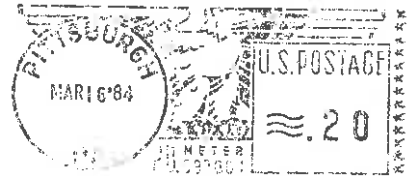
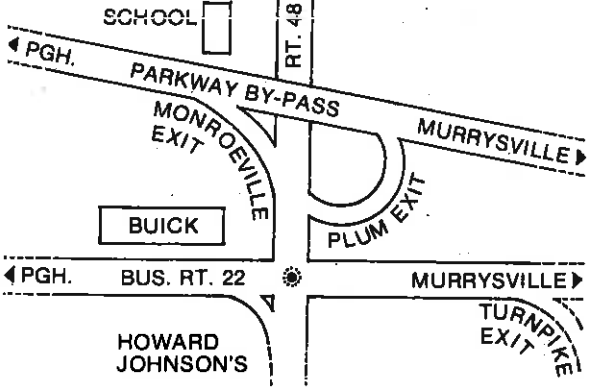
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Western PA. Corvair Club  
3677 Forbes Trail Dr.  
Murrysville, PA 15668

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

GOOD SHEPHERD  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH



OLD WM. PENN HWY.



12/31/83 KEY # 75 B  
CHARLES J LUCAS  
236 MARIBOLD ST.  
MUNHALL, PA 15120