

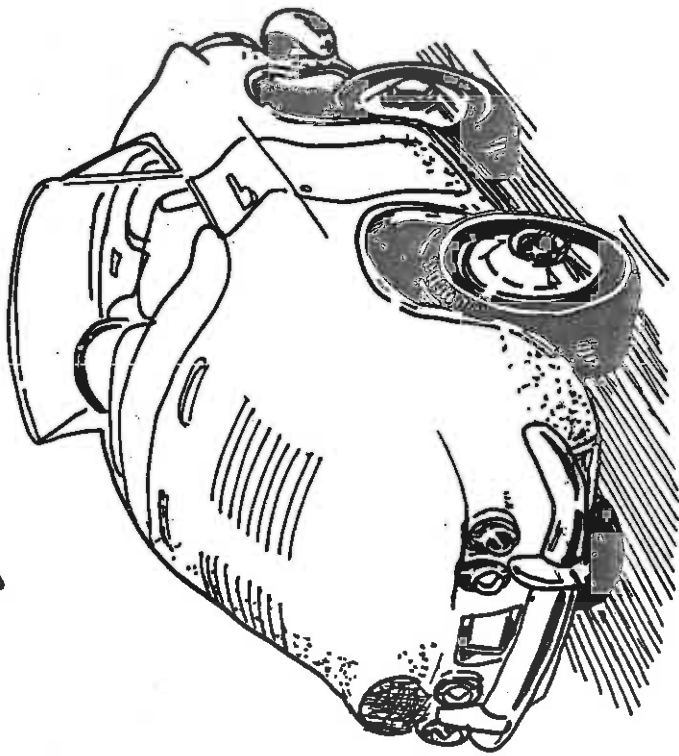
# THE VAIR STREET JOURNAL

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 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" (CORSA), a rapidly growing international organization now boasting over 8,000 members. We encourage all WPCC members to maintain membership in 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 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 Shephard Lutheran Church, Monroeville, Pennsylvania.

**DUES:** LOCAL \$10 per calendar year or \$1 for each remaining month of the current year. Includes membership for immediate family members. *Payable to WPCC.*

**CORSA** New members are encouraged to enclose a completed CORSA application and a check payable to CORSA, Inc. for \$22. 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 OF WPCC MEETING OCTOBER 28, 1986

1986 Officers present: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer

1986 Board members present: Bill Artzberger, Don Baker, Vaun Hamlin and Bob McCune

The Secretary's report was approved as read.  
The Treasurer's report was approved as read.  
OLD BUSINESS

Irene Artzberger reported that the picnic at NorthPark was well attended. Everyone there enjoyed a good time with good food, games, and a little rain.

Dale Smith told members that a good time was had by all at the CMU Homecoming. The Hieber's took the King and Queen around during the festivities. He also commented on the good luncheon given to the Club members who were willing to bring their cars to the homecoming.

Vaun Hamlin spoke on insurance, and he promised to keep the Club posted on future developments.

The Hershey Car Show was highlighted by 2 of our members who were able to attend. Both Bill Artzberger and Bill Brill commented on the enormous size of the show, the quality of the cars being shown, and the super time they had there. Both highly recommended this event.

Bill Artzberger couldn't say enough about the Vermont tour. Sixteen Corvaires toured the Vermont mountains. Bill Cotrofeld was a super host. Many historical sights were part of the tour, and Bill Cotrofeld arranged for stops at good restaurants. The dates are the same for next year. The Artzbergers said to put the Vermont tour on your schedule for next year.

### NEW BUSINESS

Vaun Hamlin was asked to reiterate the Event scheduled for Sunday, November 23 at his shop. He told the members he was prepared to take reservations and money that evening for the Nov. 23 event dinner. He also mentioned that the Event will begin at noon.

Bob McCune reviewed the Holiday Party set for Saturday, December 6 at 4 p.m.

The President Bill Brill read off the nominating committee for 1987. The members are: Bob McCune, Al Friend, Pat Greenwald, Archie Miller and Bob Ashworth.

President Bill Brill mentioned that Izzie Krouse was in the hospital and was now home and doing well.

The 37 stage Gran Prix is set for Saturday, Aug. 15 and Sunday, Aug. 16. Our Club will be in charge of the New Car section for the Saturday Car Show.

Don Baker told members about the Fall Braille Rallye. It will be Thursday, October 30 at 6:30 p.m. Don was hoping for 5 to 6 Corvairs.

Five different Corvairs were mentioned as being for sale. Pictures and descriptions were passed around.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Gayle Gundlach,  
Secretary

The 50-50 drawing was won by Wayne Rockhill. Wayne went home with \$32.00. Many other members went home with the now famous Artzberger Brown paper bag prizes. There was some swapping of the contents of the bags, so everyone went home happy, especially Bill and Irene with an empty trunk.

Secretary's note: John and I stopped in to visit Izzie, Shirley and Alan Krouse in New Bethlehem a week ago and found them happy to see us, busy with auto parts and thinking about the coming snow. Izzie looks great and is getting around pretty well. In fact, he was even walking without a cane!

Gayle

NEXT MEETING: November 25, 1987 8:00 sharp  
Hostesses: Gayle Gundlach and Ellen Smith

PREZ SEZ

When I purchased my latest Corvair, around the 20th of September, I wrote to my present insurance carrier, Cordon & Skelley, and requested that they add the "new" car to my present policy and bill me accordingly. After waiting a week, I was informed by mail that I needed to send them a description of the car along with a photograph.

The next day, in the interest of time, I borrowed my neighbor's Polaroid camera and sent the picture along with the description of the car as requested.

Waiting for approximately 10 days for the OK, I received another letter with a form to be completed, as to the garage where the car would be kept, a description of the building, distance to the nearest fire station and fire hydrants, etc.

Not hearing from them again, and being very perturbed over the entire situation (since I wanted to drive the car and see what it needed to make it highway worthy,) I began to wonder what I did wrong. I had never had a claim against the Company, and had always paid my premium on time.

Meanwhile, a friend asked me if I'd like to accompany him to the Hershey Car Show on the weekend of October 9 & 10. Having never been to the Hershey Show and having heard of it often, I was happy to go.

While at the Show I saw a booth with the sign "Cordon & Skelley" and walked over to see if I could get some answers to my dilemma. There were three ladies in the booth, and I told them I had a problem and wanted to talk to the person in charge, they called over Mr. Cordon. I told him that I was very unhappy (not exact words) with their service and the I had insurance with them for the past 9 years. He told me that they had some new help in the office and that was probably the reason for the delay. I told him that was not my problem and gave him my home phone number whereupon he promised to call my the following Monday and explain in the delay. I'm still waiting to hear from him.

Oh, yes, my new policy came Friday, October 17 whereupon I cancelled both cars' insurance and was able to buy antique car insurance from a local agent representing J. C. Taylor. I received notice from them that I was covered the same week as I had applied.

Bill Brill

Editors note: Many members have voiced complaints and concerns over "Classic/Antique insurance". Be sure to investigate your local insurance professional with whom you have or can establish a personal rapport. We discovered it would cost us significantly to not insure our Corvairs on our normal car policy, considering our driving records, years with the carrier, and most importantly, the loss of the multi-car discount if the Corvairs were removed.

RISINGS GO SOUTH

Tennessee Homecoming 86 was the theme of the second annual Tennessee State Corvair Show in Kingsport, Tennessee, held October 3 & 4. Since we love to make trips in our Corvair, we decided to attend this show. It was a beautiful ride to Kingsport and we met some very nice people while at the show.

Saturday night was a delicious buffet style banquet with musical entertainment and the trophy presentation. We took 3rd place with our 65 blue Corsa Convertible and a plaque for driving the greatest distance in a Corvair. The decorations on the tables were rocking chairs with flags draped over them. Each Club that was represented will receive a chair. It is being mailed and we will see that the Club receives it. This was a nice trip and a good show that

members might like to attend in the future.

Connie & Gene Rising

### HOLIDAY PARTY

WHEN Saturday, December 6, 1986  
WHERE Ivanhoe Apartments Social Room Monroeville

TIME Arrive about 4:00 Eat at Six

PRICE Only \$6.50 Ten and under \$3.25

MENU Chicken, stuffed cabbage, rigatoni, roast beef, cold cuts, various cheeses, relish tray, potato salad, cole slaw, fruit basket, coffee, tea with cake for dessert-provided by same excellent caterer as last year

DRINKS Mary and Bob McCune will make punch. Feel free to bring your own bottle also. A two-liter of soft drink welcome also. The Club will provide glasses and ice.

GIFTS Yes, one \$5 gift per participant in the famous exchange. Wonder what will be the prized one this year. Children's gifts-Bring one for your own child

ALSO Bill Artzberger will present the slide show "Cars your Grandfather drove".

RESERVATIONS ARE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. THE MEETING ON NOVEMBER 25 IS THE DEADLINE. Make checks payable to WPCC Mail to John Gundlach, RD#1 Box 246, Saxonburg, PA 16056

DIRECTIONS Check your map on the address side of the Journal. Note the location of Howard Johnson's. The Ivanhoe Apts. are located directly behind Kaufmanns Department Store in Monroeville. Using Howard Johnsons, where most Corvair Rallies start as a landmark, drive through HJ's parking lot onto Fox Plan Road, to stop sign. Turn right into Ivanhoe Drive to Apartment's driveway at office sign. 4285 is Bldg 1 on the right with an office sign at the entrance. These are security buildings. To gain entrance, pick up the phone in the vestibule and push the "social room" buzzer (green one at bottom of apartment listings). When the phone answers,

Give your name and the door will be unlocked. Someone will meet you in the lobby. Park between the buildings or across Ivanhoe Drive in front of the first and second levels of the parking garage. Also, there is parking in back of 4185.

This is always a fun day with WPCC friends. Plan to attend. Dress is "holiday casual". See you there!!!

### CORVAIR CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE 1960 Corvair 2 dr. coupe Serial 105270W248687 Silver gray-code 940, 3 speed 36,000 miles. Owned for 26 years by elderly widow. Car has no factory options whatever. Radio and antenna added about 10 years ago. Car has been Ziebarted and has only one rust spot at left rear wheel lip. Interior is solid with wear at window crank and door handle on driver's side. Engine and transmission solid and quiet. Engine covered with 26 years of dirt-needs resealed and cleaned. Car has been driven daily and it is always garaged. Bob Hieber 264-4648

FOR SALE 1966 Corsa I bought it is 1973 in Virginia and drove it daily until March, 1984. Since then to present, car has been patiently waiting in the garage for me to do it justice. It has quick steering arms and 3:89 rear gear attached to a very eager and reliable 140 engine. Asking \$1295. All reasonable offers considered.

Bill Smith 429-0846

Also

- 1 Delco AM/FM Radio needs repaired \$50.00
  - 1 1960 gas heater Fan & controls included 35.00
  - 4 New Pirelli P6 Radials 185/60 X 14's 140.00
  - 1 1965 140 (from my first Corsa) has approx 3,000 miles. I rebuilt it with crane cam & kit, IECO 4 barrel manifold w/Carter AFB and headers. Attached to 1965 transaxle w/3:55 posi gears 250.00
  - 3 Late model wire hubcaps 13 " 2 real good, one decent 35.00
- First \$1500 takes all Bill Smith 429-0846

FOR SALE 1964 Monza 110 Automatic 4 speed Turquoise Teal mist blue Bucket seat interior 47,000 miles Needs little body work, currently inspected Offer Bob Zeller 795-9861

## A BUSY END, BUT AN EXCELLENT YEAR

Keep these dates in mind as we close out the WPCC year:

- November 23: Hamlin's-for the finest . Noon  
November 25: Regular meeting. Hear proposed slate of 1987 officers; make nominations from the floor; Be sure to make your RESERVATIONS WITH PAYMENT for the Holiday party  
November 27: Turkey Day (Where is the jerkey turkey?)  
December 6: Holiday Party 4 p.m. Ivanhoe Apartments Social Room Monroeville

The most recent AIRHORN, the newsletter from Chicagoland Corvair Enthusiasts, mentions that cars from their Club have been used in the television series Crime Story. We've seen the show a few times, and although we've not seen any Corvairs, there is lots of nostalgic sheet metal driving by. CCE has recently been asked to participate in a movie called Jimmy Rearden, which we will have to keep our eyes open for news of its release.

Ellen and Dale

This is the last issue of the Vair Street Journal for the year 1986. December of each year gives the fingers of the Editor a little break. The contributions from Club members has been good this year. Get your literary talents reved up for 1987-I'll be looking for more articles from more people. January 10, 1987 is the deadline for the next Vair Street issue. Until then, Keep on Corvairin'!!!

Ellen Smith

# CORVAIR HOTLINE

The following pages describe a service which should be of particular interest to all Corvair drivers. I had a lengthy, informative chat with Orville, and this idea is great. Al Friend is a happy subscriber already, and we are joining. This could be your best spent five dollars of Corvair money ever. Orville Eliason has asked for a couple of technical contacts from our Club. This should not require much time, but is highly important to the system. If you feel able to serve as a "contact", please see Al, Ellen or I.

## THE REASON

My name is Orville Eliason. For years I've shared my enthusiasm for the Corvair automobile with like-minded CORSA members throughout the United States. Together we have exchanged ideas, swapped parts, joined local clubs and journeyed long distances to attend national conventions.

I have talked to many of you over the years. Sometimes I was selling Tech Tips or maybe timing pointers. Sooner or later everyone at a CORSA meet would wander by to see what I had, in this way, I met almost everyone who attended the meet.

I have also spent hundreds of hours writing technical information on Vairs. Still, with all this effort on my part, I have succeeded in helping only a few hundred Vair owners; the remaining thousands were untouched by my efforts.

I now feel that I have come up with an idea that will help every Corvair left in the world (and of course every owner) at the same time. My wife is also convinced that this great idea will be of great help in reserving us a spot in the local poor house. I shall hope she is wrong.

## THE IDEA

My wife and I have started a small company named NATIONAL COMPUTERIZED AUTOMOTIVE ASSISTANCE. It is strictly a telephonic service and might be compared to a hot line for Corvair assistance of all kinds. We have installed two 800 phone lines. One covers California and the other covers the rest of the United States, including Puerto Rico and Hawaii, except Alaska.

We have also purchased a large computer to store information on memberships, cars for sale, parts vendors, services and so on. This will be compiled from membership input and will therefore cover every area of the U.S. that contains Corvairs. We also have a large printer tied into the computer that will make printouts of all Vairs for sale in the U.S. with Turbo engines, rag tops, Die Hard batteries and all those driven by a little old lady from Cucamonga, etc.

## THE COST

The membership cost for National Computerized Automotive Assistance is \$5 per year. This fee covers the monthly cost of several phone lines, the computer and printer operations, and assistance personnel. One membership fee covers all members of a family that maintains CORSA membership.

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Anyone may call Nat'l for emergency assistance and with proper identification, receive it. There will be no charge for call-ins concerning cars for sale or information on parts availability and where to purchase them, either in your area or across the nation. Eventually, anything relating to a Corvair will be listed. Placing information into the computer will take a lot of time and effort. The reason that the above-mentioned call-in can be free is that vendors wishing to be included will pay an appropriate fee to be listed, depending on the size of their Corvair business.

**TELEPHONE LINE USAGE** - The ideal situation is for a member to pay from \$5 up to whatever he feels his assistance needs may be in the future. This amount will be recorded into the computer and drawn down when service is rendered. Any unused amount will be available to use in the following year for membership dues and services. Unused service money may be withdrawn at anytime by request.

Billing is costly and time consuming and will be avoided if at all possible.

**NO MEMBERSHIP FEES WILL BE REQUIRED UNTIL JANUARY 1, 1987.** However, I would urge all prospective users to make a service deposit in 1986 that will automatically pay your membership dues for 1987. Service for 1986 will consist mainly of emergency service. Listing cars for sale will be free.

**FUTURE PROJECTIONS** - The possibilities for service to members is almost limitless when you tie phone lines into a powerful computer storage system. One of the services that may be available someday would be tapes dealing with pertinent Corvair subjects. These could be available by simply dialing a number and listening to the automatic playback of the subject you choose. Another projected hope would be that vendor fees and non-member dues might make it possible to furnish CORSA members most services free at some future time.

**ARE YOU GOING TO BE RIPPED OFF IF YOU PUT MONEY INTO THIS POT? HARDLY!** We have been CORSA members since 1978 and have a pretty good track record. Also, using the mails to defraud carries a heavy sentence.

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: National Automotive Assistance, Box 1184, Ontario, CA 91762. Informative data will be listed in ads placed in the Communicque each month, keeping you abreast of the services we are providing.

Respectfully Yours,  
Orville and Dorothy Eliason  
Ontario, California

**DIAL**  
**1-800-THE VAIR (NATIONWIDE)**  
**1-800-THE RE03 (IN CALIF.)**

**NOTE**  
Emergency service **only** will be provided in 1986, and that may be spotty as we will not be on the job until late August of 1986. Also, note that the brand of car you are driving does not matter as long as you are a CORSA member. Also, please note that we wish to fill our computer with information on every Corvair type vehicle that is for sale in the U.S. I would urge that this be a club effort — one letter with all cars listed. Non-CORSA members are also encouraged to list their vehicles for sale. This service will be free to sellers.

In 1987 potential buyers should be able to receive a printout of all CORVAIR vehicles for sale in the entire United States. Also, anyone furnishing parts or services for Corvairs are urged to contact us about obtaining a spot in our computer files. **Everyone** will be listed, however, callers looking for service will be told which suppliers are financially subscribing to the service. Call-in service will be free as vendor contributions should cover call-in costs.

Give us a call and check things out. If you decide it will help you and Corvairing in general, then become a member.

Please have the following information at hand **before** you make an 800 call. Your complete address (including zip code), phone number, and CORSA I.D. number. If it is an emergency include the state, city, local zip code, number of phone you are calling from, highway number, nearest cross road, etc. Have on hand any phone number's that may be helpful.

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

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