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Western PA. Corvaair Club
634 Arden Lane
Pittsburgh, PA 15243

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

GOOD SHEPHERD
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

OLD WM. PENN HWY.

RT. 48

SCHOOL

PARKWAY BY-PASS

MONROEVILLE
EXIT

BUICK

BUS RT. 22

HOWARD
JOHNSON'S

MURRYVILLE

PLUM EXIT

MURRYVILLE
EXIT



Cochran

THE SATURDAY EVENING POST

"I get better traction with an Injun in the rear."

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 WPCCC 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, WPCCC 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 \$10 per calendar year or \$1 for each remaining month of the current year. Includes membership for immediate family members. Payable to WPCCC.

J. DALE SMITH
 634 ARDEN LANE
 PITTSBURGH, PA
 15243

Name _____ Age _____ Occupation _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Zip _____ Date _____

CORSA Member? Yes No. # Corvaire owned, yr., model _____

Recommended by _____ Amount paid _____ Other car clubs _____

Other information: _____



MINUTES OF WPCCC MEETING
JULY 25, 1989

1989 officers pre- read.
 sent: president, secre-
 tary, treasurer.

1989 board members
 present: Bob McCune, Don
 Baker, and Wayne Jones.

The secretary's re-
 port was approved as re-
 corded. The treasurer's
 report was approved as

At this time there
 were only six couples
 registered for Titusville.

The club signed a
 get-well card for Mary
 McCune.

Judy Maglietta was
 the only guest.

Old Business

Al Friend thanked the
 club members for a great
 job while he was away.

Bill Artzberger re-
 ported that Kennywood is
 developing into a differ-
 ent kind of event with
 fewer Corvaire and more
 people.

Bill spoke also of
 the Pgh. Vintage Grand
 Prix. He was worried
 because only two days
 before the event, only 4
 people had agreed to help
 secure the antique cars.
 But after he telephoned
 many club members,
 eighteen finally showed.
 He said the Corvaire Club
 gained a lot of recogni-
 tion and respect at the
 VGP. WPCCC helped with
 security where we weren't
 even scheduled to and
 helped save the day.

Dr. Heath was the
 first person to sign up
 for the Titusville Cruise
 and Paul Tallarico from
 another club because they
 were so impressed.

Triple thanks from
 Bill Artzberger. There
 were no incidents among
 the 790-810 cars that were
 in the whole show.

Dale Smith reported
 on the Trillium Concours
 event he and Jay attended
 in Canada. They drove 285
 miles from Pittsburgh and
 were made to feel very
 welcome. Dale suggested
 that we put this event on
 next year's calendar.

Dave Fabyonic noti-
 fied WPCCC that the Good
 Sheperd Lutheran Church
 moved our meetings to the
 Chapel Building and it
 will cost \$10.00/mo. less.



New Business

The July 29 parade in Washington was discussed and another parade on the same day was presented. Those who attend the Pgh. parade could also attend the Washington parade later.

[At this time the meeting was moved upstairs.]

Dale Smith distributed current PA road maps that he had brought.

WPCC was reminded of the Macungie event and Al asked who was going. The Gundlachs, Artzbergers, and Friends responded.

Al brought xeroxed invitations to the Titusville event and asked us to invite anyone with a nice old car.

Al talked about sending the \$800.00 check to Titusville soon so he encouraged the members to please send in their money.

Confirmations will be mailed to you when Irene

receives your check.

Bill talked a little about the August 20 Transportation Museum event at Arden Trolley Museum. Bring a picnic basket.

Bob McCune told the club that this was the last chance to register for the Corvair Days at Strasburg on Sept. 9-10. This time the concours will be held on Saturday with the awards and banquet at 4:00 PM.

Laurie Maglietta announced car shows and related events coming up.

Al said he would call Dick Breier to check on the Hershey trip arrangements.

It was reported that the Stern Museum had 40 Corvairs for sale available for parts--name your price, located in Irwin PA on old Rte. 30.

Don Baker reminded us of an August 13 autocross.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11.



Jay Smith won first place in early modified class in Canada at the Trillium Corvair Event. Jay's car was only one vote away from peoples'

choice--and the folks were so impressed that they added a prize so he could be recognized.

All right...Jay!!



Hershey Update

This is to remind you of the details of the October 7, 1989 Hershey Bus Trip...

The bus leaves Allegheny County Airport at 2:00 AM on Saturday, October 7.

The bus arrives in Hershey at approx. 6:30 AM.

The bus leaves Hershey at 6:00 PM Saturday, Oct. 7.

The bus arrives at Allegheny County Airport at approx. 11:30 PM.

The bus is restroom equipped and is limited to 47 people. The cost is \$22.00 per person. The bus will stop for breakfast and dinner (cost not included).

Mail check today to:

WPCC
c/o Irene Artzberger
305 Golf Drive
Pittsburgh, PA ~~15229~~
15229

For more information, call Dick Breier 471-6984 days and 563-4591 evenings.

**Make your plans NOW for these events...
For the Titusville Cruise send \$7.00 per person to: WPCC c/o Irene Artzberger
305 Golf Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15229**

For the Hershey bus trip send \$22.00 per person to the same address!

For the Carnegie Tours simply sign your name to the list at the meetings... it's free! ...but the number is limited so do it NOW!



The Carnegie Tours



The following text contains passages from an interview with James E. King, Director of The Carnegie Museum of Natural History. This interview comes from the Carnegie Magazine, March/April issue. Thanks to The Smiths for the use of the magazine.

R. Jay Gangewere, Editor: "What are some of your long-range goals for The Carnegie?"

King: My biggest challenge is upgrading our exhibits and education program, but doing it in a way that does not detract from our research activity--which is the reason we are here. We have a very ambitious research program now. Our scientists are around the world, working on a wide scale, doing a lot of things.

But we are at a point in our history now where we have to pay more attention to our Pittsburgh image. We've made great strides in the last few years--first with Hillman Hall of Minerals and Gems, Our Changing Earth Hall, then with Polar World, and now with Benedum Hall of Geology. We are starting to make our exhibits program equal in quality to the research institution that we are.

The challenge now is to put more of our resources in the exhibits and education programs, while keeping the research effort at the high level we have. It's not an either/or situation. This institution, in the past, like many others, has had to confront this problem. But the research is your bread and butter. The other night WQED-TV broadcast "The Infinite Voyage" program with so many images of our Hall of Dinosaurs. We are the only institution with two mounted specimens of sauropods. You have to have the depth of collections to be a national research museum as we are.

Gangewere: What does the average person need to know about the extensive collections of our museum?

King: For many species what we now have in the museum collections "is it." There will be no more, whether we're talking about Panda Bears, Snow Leopards or rare plants. We live in an age of diminishing natural resources, of disappearing environments and species. The third world countries are very concerned--their specimens, their antiquities, stay at home now.

Dr. James Richardson works in Peru, but brings nothing back to Pittsburgh; the collections remain in Peru. The collections we have are going to increase in value.

We have to do a better job at conservation, at saving what we have. Steve Williams, our collection manager in Mammals, is an expert in the conservation of animal skins, for example. The museum is well known for its studies on the preservation and conservation of specimens. But we have much to learn. We need to know about the chemistry of specimens and how that is affected by the internal environment of the museum and the various preservation methods we use.

Our collections really put us in the first class of museums. They provide us with the basis for outstanding exhibit halls and educational programs. We are in a period now when, through the capital campaign, the museum will be able to pay back the people of Pittsburgh for their faith in us, historically.

On Sunday, November 19, WPCC members and friends can enjoy this fabulous museum. Each person will receive a NO-CHARGE ticket for admission to the museum, a private tour, and an admission to Buhl Planetarium, one travel film adventure, and a 10% discount in the museum souvenir shop.

The actual tours begin at 1:30 PM and no one is allowed to join the group after that time so try to be at the museum shortly after 1:00. There are three tours limited to ten people each. You must choose now which tour you would like to attend. "Masterpieces" deals with the various art pieces, "Mr. Carnegie's Legacy" deals with Mr. Carnegie's influence on this area, and the Museum of Natural History tour includes the above mentioned Dinosaurs exhibits and the Polar Cap exhibit.

After the tours we'll go somewhere to eat. THIS TOUR HAS BEEN PAID FOR IN ADVANCE. Take advantage of this experience! Reserve your place on tour by signing your name on the special sheet at the club meetings. Your only expense is your meal if you choose to come with us after this event.



The July 29 Parades

Saturday, July 29, 1989, was truly a day for "Corvairs on Parade." The early part of the day provided another opportunity to show off our beauties in the "Night Out" parade in downtown Pittsburgh. Mike Moran, Al and Carole Friend, and Bill, Irene, and Mary Artzberger represented WPCC in this morning parade to promote safety and community spirit.

The afternoon brought our cars to Washington, Pa. for a Firemen's Parade. The Friends and the Artzbergers motored south from the City and were joined by Bill and Jean Brill, Archie and Alice Miller, Bob Donnel-

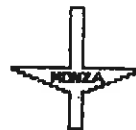
ly, Dale and Ellen Smith, Gene Rapp, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dandois, and Laurie, Ken, and Robb Maglietta.

The Corvairs formed parallel lines as we drove through the streets of Washington. The usual comments could be heard.

At the end of the parade, we gathered at the Maglietta's where the family had prepared a feast for lunch. Bob and Jean Larison and Bob Hieber joined us for an enjoyable picnic and chat time. This was a good Corvair day--warm, sunny, with good food, and good fun.

Ellen Smith

Corvair Classified



FOR SALE: 2 spoked hub caps, 2 rebuilt Corvair carbs \$60.00 for all Michael Toney 221-7539

late Monza convt. 110 4-spd, shabby-needs paint, solid body-chassis, top good, tires good, engine smokes (non-filters) \$500.00. Tony Phelps--car is at McBee Motors in Bridgeville 221-1922

WANTED: 110 engine for 1964 convertible presently being restored. ALSO Have stripped a '63 coupe and a '64 coupe and want to dispose of parts. J.M. Guntoli 107 W. Muntz Ave. Butler, PA 16001 285-3547.



The Prez Sez

Thank you for voting for a more active and thus, a stronger WPCC. As of this writing, we have filled up one railroad coach for Titusville. Invitations have gone out to over 40 old car clubs and individuals in our area. Many more members have expressed interest in the event, but have not sent in their checks. Don't be left standing at the station as the train pulls out!! Dinner will be at the Horn of Plenty, 12 1/2 miles south of Butler on Route 8.

Dick and Carol Breier are working hard to bring us the Hershey bus tour on October 7. Please, please, please respond with your checks as soon as possible so we will know how many outsiders to recruit. Don't be left standing at the County Airport as the bus pulls out!!

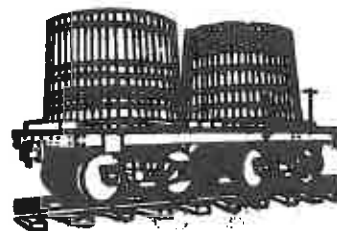
The downtown and Washington parades were hot but fun. The picnic at the Magliettas' was spectacular! WPCC has always had a tradition of great food and cooks. The tradition continues with the Maglietta family. Your hospitality

was appreciated by all present.

The first lady and I took a reel of film at Macungie; you'll have to show up at the holiday party in January to see it.

Thanks in advance to Jan Fabyonic and Carol Breier who will provide goodies for the next meeting. Also, many thanks to Gayle Gundlach and Vaun Hamlin for the yummy treats at the July meeting.

Al Friend



13. Densmore Car. The railroads originally hauled oil in individual barrels on flat cars. In 1865, Amos Densmore had the idea of setting 2 wooden stock tanks on a flat car. The railroad worried that the wooden stock tanks would come apart from the vibration and leak, but this was not much of a problem. The new "tank" cars could hold 50% more oil per car than the old flat cars, a fact Densmore tried to keep from the railroads as long as possible since they charged by the barrel.



WPCC CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- AUG: 20 PGH. TRANSP. MUSEUM'S TOUR OF ARDEN TROLLEY MUSEUM, ARDEN, PA
 22 MEETING
 25-26 LIMB ROCK '89 CORSA'S HIGH-SPEED DRIVING EVENT FOR CORVAIRS
 27 "WHEELS OF CLASS" CAR SHOW, INDIANA, PA
 27 BEAVER AREA JAYCEES 17TH ANNUAL ANTIQUE, CLASSIC, AND CUSTOM CAR SHOW
- SEP: 9-10 12TH ANNUAL CORVAIR DAYS, STRASBURG, PA. CENTRAL PA. CORVAIR CLUB
 10 HICKORY LIONESS CLUB 6TH ANNUAL ANTIQUE, CLASSIC, CUSTOM CAR, ROD, AND TRUCK SHOW, HICKORY, PA
 10 STEELTOWN CORVETTE CLUB AUTOCROSS AT VILLAGE SQUARE MALL
 24 TITUSVILLE CRUISE AND TRAIN RIDE, TITUSVILLE, PA
 26 MEETING
- OCT: 7 BUS TRIP TO HERSHEY
 24 MEETING
- NOV: 19 WPCC'S PRIVATE TOUR OF CARNEGIE MUSEUM

NEXT MEETING AUGUST 22

This is a public and sincere thank-you to my wonderful mother, Judy, and to my brother Marc's girlfriend, Nichole Paul, and to my grandma Ethel for their all-out effort in putting the July 29 picnic together. I also thank my dad and my brothers, Robb and Marc, for

leaning into the engine compartment until 2:00 AM that same morning to make the car run. Thanks also to Bates Murphy who supplied the needed parts so quickly.

*Without your help, it couldn't have been done.
Laurie Maglietta*

BILL ARTZBERGER WOULD LIKE HIS MAGNETIC MUSEUM SIGNS BACK, PRONTO, TONTO!

The Vintage Grand Prix

The following people deserve an A+ for their efforts at the 1989 Pittsburgh Vintage Gran Prix: Bill Artzberger; Ellen and Dale Smith; Ray Horn; Bill Brill; Dave Fabyonic; Wayne Jones; Gene Rapp; Jim Stokes; Vaun Hamlin and friend, Tom; Walt Baldinger and Son; Bob and Jean Larison; Laurie, Ken, Robb, Marc Maglietta and friend, Nichole.

Thanks also to those in the pits and elsewhere: Jimmy and Billy Artzberger, Walt Matenkosky, and Don Baker.

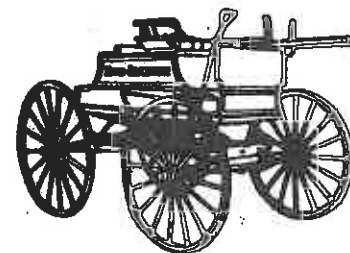
Through the combined efforts of these people, WPCC donated its time to the parking and security for the car show, registration, parking, and trophy presentation for the Grand Prix.



WAYNE JONES WOULD LIKE HIS ENGINE JACK BACK, JACK!!

Would anyone out there with a 140, 4-speed be brave enough to let me drive your car? I have never driven a Corvair with a stick and I'm thinking about performing surgery on my '67 'vert. (Yes, I do know how to drive a stick.) I promise to be gentle.

The Editor



1a. Nitrolycerine Wagon. In 1865, Colonel E. A. L. Roberts was granted the first patent for an oil well torpedo. Torpedoes were tin canisters filled originally with gunpowder and later with nitrolycerine that were lowered into the well and set off so as to fracture the oil bearing rocks. Oil could flow more freely through the fractured formation.

Nitro was extremely sensitive and special wagons were devised to transport it over the rough terrain. Accidents still happened and many men and horses were killed transporting torpedoes.