

THE VAIR STREET JOURNAL

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

JUNE '89

A little neighborly help.



When you need help, a good neighbor will find a way to lend a hand. (In this case, a horse.)

And helping neighbors is what we do for a living.

The one goal of our independent community bank is to support our local communities, residents and businesses.

Your deposits are put to work right here where we all live and work. They're invested in loans to help the local economy and to create local jobs.

No distant office can order us to ignore the needs of our neighbors and to invest your savings somewhere else.

Nobody can tell us not to lend you a hand — and that makes us easy to remember when you choose a bank.

We're the neighborly one with the horse.



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

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

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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 todays 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 Communicues."

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.

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MAIL TO: W.P.C.C. c/o

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
MAY 23, 1989

1989 officers presented: president, secretary, and treasurer. 1989 board members present: Bob Hieber, Bob McCune, Ray Horn, and Don Baker.

The treasurer's report was approved as read. The WPCC treasury stands at \$614.72. There

are 68 member families in WPCC.

Irene reported that Dave Moore wrote the club to express his thanks for the great turnout at the Loyalty Day Parade.

The secretary's report was approved as recorded.

Old Business

Jim Lane expressed his sincere appreciation of WPCC's participation in the Loyalty Day Parade. He reported that at the banquet after the parade, the Corvaire were mentioned in a very positive light. A get well card was circulated for Armin Abramson who is in the hospital.

Al Friend hyped the drags for one last time. He listed cars that may possibly participate on D Day--they were: a Model A, a diesel Chevette, a Ferrari, a rear-engine Porsche, and possibly Tony Phelps and his Stinger. The Henry J would not attend for the lack of brakes and Al wondered why

that would prevent it from competing. Al reminded us to be there at 11:00 AM sharp. Bob Hieber and Bill Artzberger said they would bring a canopy under which we could sit.

Bill Artzberger said that Jim Artzberger might come with a KDKA photographer to this event.

The date for the Crafton Parade is finally settled. It is June 30 at 6:00 PM.

Irene spoke about Kenneywood day. Corvaire will have VIP parking. The park opens at 12:00. Tickets will cost a little less than regular priced all-day tickets. The Corvaire parade is at 4:00 and the picnic is at pavillion 6A after the pa-

rade. Al reported that the Station Square seminars were very nice. Al ran into an old girlfriend there.

Bill Artzberger continued on that note by saying that the variety of subjects in the seminars was designed to answer the question, "What did people like to find out at this kind of thing?" Some people suggested the seminars should cover one subject. Bill said that there probably will be no more two-track seminars. The toy collecting seminar by Dr. Zubritzky was well received. The car show judging seminar was also well-liked and informative. Dave Fabyonic encouraged all to attend in the future.

On June 14 at 7:30 Dave Fabyonic will attend the meeting at Good Shepherd Church. The purpose of the meeting is to decide who will get to rent the room we use for our WPCC meetings.

Al is finalizing the trip plans for the Titusville Trip on September

24. The price will be \$7.00 per person. We are reminded to recruit participants so that we have enough to afford our own railroad car. Some Antique Automobile Club of America members may be going, too. Send checks to Irene Artzberger payable to WPCC or pay her at the meetings.

Al reported that he sold almost everything he took to Frederick, MD. Bill Artzberger won four trophies at the car show. Other WPCC club members in attendance were: W. Jones, J. Getz, and R. Dandois. While there, Bill A. was invited to do a seminar on Burma Shave at Strasburg this year. Bill commented that there should be only one trophy attainable per entrant.

Bob Hieber commented on the Waynesboro Fair. There were 35 cars in the Sunday show and only three vendors.

Al reminded us that the night following this meeting is "Testing and Tuning Night" at Keystone Raceway.

The Fairmont, WV event was highlighted. Saturday is to be the Poker Run along the Cheat River with a picnic at 6:00. Sunday morning is the concours. See Irene for registration forms. The Days Inn price for one night is \$22.00 and there is no restaurant.

Randy Shaffer reported on the French Creek Valley Car Club Show on July 2 at Conneaut Lake. That club's president is sending information. Registration will be \$4.00 to \$5.00. There will be trophies in 13 classes. All Corvairs are welcome.

Bill Artzberger commented on the June 17 car show at the Transportation Museum. The display cars are by invitation only. Please come. These are exclusive cars that can be seen nowhere else.

Dr. Heath will be the guest speaker. A performance will also be given by a barbershop quartet. There will be a one-cylinder car race and a one-cylinder gasoline-powered pogo stick race.

August 12-13 is a car show and rallye at Hidden Valley. This is also the date of the Station Square event at Arden in Washington, Pa.

New Business

The date for the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix is July 22, 23. Remember that we are providing security for that event.

Dale Smith told the club about a '65 convertible, 110 4-speed with FACTORY AIR for \$1500.00. The body is good, cross-member O.K., top O.K., and the interior is decent.

For the October 7 Hershey event, Lenzner Lines will be the carrier. The company has met DeBolt's price. The bus has restroom facilities. We will have to board at 2:00 AM at the County Airport.

Bob McCune has application forms for the September 9 and 10 Strasburg event.

Don Baker brought an *Automobile Quarterly* magazine containing an article about a Corvair trek through the Panama jungle. Currently, Nissan is airing commercials about Nissan vehicles making that same trek today to prove how tough Nissans are.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM.



Kennywood Day

Once again, we plan to have the "World's Longest Corvair Parade." Promptly at 4:00 PM the parade will form and continue throughout the Park.

A few Corvairs will be on display during the day at various locations as well. (If you would like to display your Corvair, contact Bill Artzberger as soon as possible for a first-come, first-serve spot.) Jay Smith has already spoken for a spot for his "new" Corvair.

Free reserved parking is available for Corvairs only beneath the LASER LOOP ride. All water-pumpers will have to park elsewhere.

New this year, will be a very special award for each Corvair owner who enters the parade. WPCC has spared no expense once again to provide this valuable award (you absolutely can not do without this award)! We hope to see you at Kennywood!!!

Bill Artzberger

In June the tech session will be presented by Bob Hieber. He will discuss the wonders and mysteries of the Corvair electrical system, or does Read1 Kilowatt live in a DC world?

Jay Smith

The Prez Sez

We'll be on vacation for this meeting, Kennywood, and the Crafton parade. Be nice to our Vice President, and try to get the attendance up at these events.

Crafton-Ingram Parade

Everyone is urged to participate in the CRAFTON-INGRAM PARADE on June 30 at 6:00 PM. Meet at Bradford Street in Crafton. Contact Bob Hieber (457-9712) or Ray Horn (921-5647). We need at least 10 cars to get our \$50.00. It sure is a fun way to make a couple of dollars for the club. After the parade we will meet at the King's Restaurant on Steubenville Pike Rt 60 and 179 for some lo-cal dessert.

"Bob and Ray"

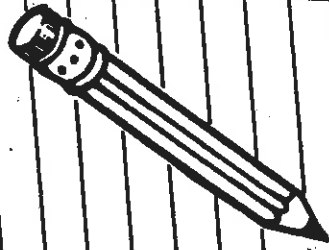
Dear Al,

You have my sympathy!!
(No you don't, I'm kidding)

James Handley

P.S.

Come to the next meeting
and Al will be
happy to explain!!!



The Great Titusville Cruise of September 24, 1989

Yes, folks. It's time to commit our money so we can hopefully reserve our own "Oil Creek & Titusville Railroad car."

Here's the plan:

1. Arrive at Bob Evans at the intersection of Rt. 19, I79, and the turnpike about 7:00 AM for breakfast.
2. Depart at 8:00 AM sharp.
3. cruise for about two hours, arriving at Drake Well Park in Titusville, Pa. around 10 AM.
4. Tour the Drake Well Museum and Park exhibits, including a full-size working replica of the world's first oil well.
5. Board the train at noon for a 2 1/2 hour narrated round trip excursion through the valley that changed the world! Bring your own box lunch.
6. About 3:00 PM start the cruise south toward Pittsburgh, stopping for dinner on the way home.

HOW MUCH? We are collecting \$7.00 per person. We need at least 55 people for our own car. Treasurer, Irene Artzberger, will keep a list of paid reservations in the order that they come in. The RR car holds a maximum of 76 people. Therefore, the first 76 people will be guaranteed a seat in our private coach (featuring the best tourguide). If you sign up after we fill 'er up, you are still welcome to cruise along but you will be taking pot luck at seating availability in the rest of the train. The leaves will be turning by then, and seats will be in great demand.

Make your checks payable to: W.P.C.C.

Mail them today to: Irene Artzberger, Treasurer
305 Golf Drive

Pittsburgh, PA 15229

Other old car clubs will be invited shortly after this journal goes out so take advantage and reserve your seat by mail or at the meeting. Payment in full only.



This will be a very nice event and there should be a lot of media coverage, as press releases will be sent to newspapers and radio stations in the Oil City and Titusville area.

This is meant to be an old car event so do your best to have the old collectible in shape by September. Either a guard or a few members will stay with the cars at the museum during our train ride.

Years ago is only minutes away ...

Ride the Oil Creek and Titusville Railroad "through the valley that changed the world" and you'll be where oil history began. See an operating replica of Colonel Edwin Drake's first successful oil well, drilled in August 1869, at Drake Well Museum. You'll learn how drilling techniques invented here changed people's lives by making oil plentiful for light, heat and lubrication.

Our two and a half hour trip will take you back through time as guides describe the fortune seekers who flocked here during the world's first oil boom. You'll see the sites of towns that grew up overnight, then vanished as oil flows ceased. Petroleum Centre, once an oil boom town, is now a recreational park with hunting, fishing, bicycling, hiking, camping and a museum.

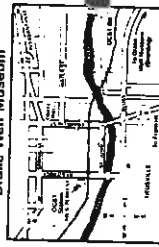
You may begin your ride at Perry Street Station, in Titusville, where oil barons build Victorian mansions. Or board at Rynd Farm, the southern end of our 13 mile line, just 4 miles north of Oil City. Jonathan Watson became the world's first oil millionaire from wells drilled here.

Your family can share the fun of train travel and relive history as you ride the OC&T through Oil Creek Valley. Make your reservations today!

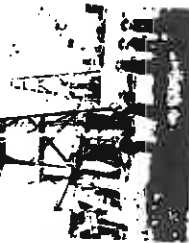
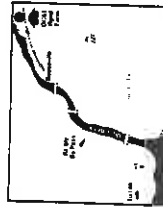


Pioneer, 1865

Perry Street Station and Drake Well Museum



Rynd Farm





Drag Strip Day

Corvair Club Day at Keystone was simply great. Fourteen cars raced and two additional car loads of people watched the fun. Unfortunately only three 'Vairs raced: Bob Hieber's '65 Monza convertible, Vaun Hamlin's Lakewood 140 hp wagon, and our '66 Corsa coupe. Other racing members included Dave Fabyonic ('70 Mercedes), Bill Artzberger ('29 Model A), Vaun Hamlin and friends ('89 Maxima and '88 Thunderbird, '85 Trans Am convertible, and an '86 Turbo Dodge.

Special thanks go out to the Smiths for participating even though their Vairs were stranded in the garage due to a driveway cave-in, to the Hamlins for bringing three cars and racing them all, and especially to the Artzbergers for racing their beautiful white Model A.

The Artzbergers took pictures of our varied participants and will send the photos to various auto related magazines to show the world what car clubs in general and WPCC in particular can accomplish.

Considering the perfect weather, the member turnout was very disappointing. I don't pick rain-free days for events very often, you know! At our annual meeting in January, you, the members, expressed a very strong desire for moving events. Well, WHERE WERE YOU? A WPCC event is a perfectly good excuse to escape a boring family picnic. Whatever your reasons, you missed a lot of fun. Just seeing Bill Artzberger line up against a Porsche 911 in his Model A was worth ten admission fees! The Model A was running in the 24 second area and bettered 55 MPH at least once. The announcer enjoyed describing Bob Hieber's Monza as being equipped with a two-speed powerglide! TAKE THAT, YOU INDY CARS!

We all got three time trial runs against the rival of our choice. The eliminator (handicapped)

featured many interesting match-ups, including the Ferrari being eliminated by a Corvair. Vaun's Maxima was the final winner, and Bob Hieber's '65 Monza was runner up. Both received nice trophies donated by the track.

Since I didn't beat Vaun's Maxima, we didn't get to burn the Jap flag that I purchased for the occasion. Just to show that I'm a good sport, I wore the Nissan hat (for about five minutes) that

my own. V.P. brought. A bad set of points held the Corsa back, Vaun. I hope to burn that Jap flag next year!! It's all recorded on video tape; perhaps we can view it at the Holiday Party in January.

P.S. Laurie, our fine secretary and editor had to work on drag day or she would have been there with bells on!

Al Friend
[Ed.: You bet your sweet bippy I would have!]

VA Vair Fair May 6,7

A visit to Waynesboro, Va. has always been something to look forward to for myself and wife, Donna. Having lived in this picturesque city for several years we always expect a warm welcome, beautiful scenery, a preview of spring, and the numerous Corvairs which turn out for the show.

Thursday night found me under the '65 Convertible pulling all four wheels, changing the oil and filter and all the good things that should be done before a 400-mile trip.

Friday afternoon was a washout with more of the same predicted for the weekend. Well, so goes

the weather. Transfer everything to the wife's Buick and say good-bye to the Corvair sitting in the garage all shined up with nowhere to go.

The trip down was uneventful, with steady rain all the way and dense fog over some of the higher mountains in West Virginia.

Saturday morning dawned bright and clear. (Maybe this won't be a total loss after all.) Arriving at Baugher Chevrolet around noon gave us a chance to look over the cars while they were leaving on the scheduled rallye. After the last 'Vair left, we took time to go through the vendors'



Canonsburg July 4 & Smith Picnic

After 18 months of effort, Jay's car made it to the Loyalty Day parade and was a hit attraction at the Scout Jamboree. Then the water main broke (shattered is probably a better word) and all Smith Corvairs have been marooned, held captive behind the house. Now with all the events and action of June and early July we get to enjoy a grand re-entry of our cars into the world of dry sunlight.

Again this year, WPCC will be a colorful attraction at the Canonsburg July 4 parade. As in the past we are to meet at 9:00 AM on Smith Drive across from Wendy's and McDonald's at the north end of Canonsburg. Any new folks who need more elaborate directions should call me (563-4047) or see me at the June meeting. Essentially, when southbound on I79 take the first Canonsburg exit you come to and you'll see the McDonald's on the right--Vairs to the left.

This year we will have an interesting unit directly behind us which

Al and I have committed us to aiding. The Subvets of WWII is an interesting and colorful group who will march directly behind us. Unfortunately, age has caught up with some of them so they have requested rides for about a dozen of their people. They will definitely want to be down in seats and they guarantee no peri-scope will penetrate a prize top. Al feels this is the kind of interaction in community relations that will really help us.

At the end of the parade we'll gather (sur-face?), discharge our passengers, and head for the Smiths' for our picnic. I'll have some printed maps for anyone who hasn't made it in the past. This is a totally unstructured, informal event strictly for fellowship and eating unless you get the hammock or lounge in which case dozing is in order!

If you wish to bring something, Ellen suggests snacks, drinks (soft and we'll have the ice) or a dessert. This is a long day and there is no sense to trying to keep perish-

ables in the car throughout the parade. If other holiday commitments arise, come to the parade only, picnic only, or whatever combination suits you.

For any who linger, Mt. Lebanon park boasts one of the finest fireworks displays in southwestern Pennsylvania. Any who wish may join us on a hillside to enjoy these. It is three office parking lot to a prime viewing spot.

See you all in Canonsburg --let's go for 24 or more this year!
Dale Smith

Corvair Classified

1960 sedan, black/black, 3 sp, inspected through June 1990, exc. driver, wants \$995.00.

1965 Monza conv. 110/auto, factory air, rough, wants \$700-\$800. See Dale Smith for both.

1964 Red Corvair coupe, 110 HP, 4 speed, body fair, repainted, stored inside, \$700, 349-3838

1966 Monza conv., 95 hp, auto, maroon with white top, maroon interior great except for driver's seat bottom. \$1500.00
228-4632



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wares. There were not nearly as many vendors as in other years; perhaps it was the threat of foul weather that kept them home.

Bad weather strikes again in the form of thunder, lightning, torrential rain with small hail. It was a clear sign to me that it was probably not a good idea to stand in the middle of the parking lot and take some videos of the Corvairs for sale; in fact, it was pretty evident that any outdoor activity was over for the day.

Sunday dawned clear and sunny but cold. Judging was to begin at 10:00 AM with awards at 1:00 PM. We had an early breakfast at the Pancake House then were off to the show. Unfortunately, Mother Nature had a schedule of her own. While we ate breakfast and discussed the weather with an elderly couple, it soon looked like we were in for another surprise. The snow started falling and then intensified to the point where visibility was about 50 feet.

We finished breakfast and headed up the road. A



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light snow was falling and we were greeted by the sight of 35 Corvairs all shined up for the judges except that they were wearing a coat of slush.

Even with the unusual weather conditions, the trip was still worthwhile and believe it or not, I had a really good time and saw some first class cars.

Bob and Donna Hieber

French Creek Valley Antique Auto Club Show

Here are the details of the FRENCH CREEK VALLEY ANTIQUE AUTO CLUB'S show at Conneaut Lake Park on Sunday, July 2nd, 1989. Jack Wright, president of the FCVAAC, (814-683-5433) says "Plan to arrive early... first come, first served!"

Most cars will be INSIDE the convention hall. Registration at the park will be \$4.00 or \$5.00 and pre-registration cards will be sent out with other information as soon as possible.

Trophies promise to be special. There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in 13 classes and others such as People's Choice. All Corvairs will be a welcome addition to the show.

There will be security if you choose to leave your car and enjoy the lake.

Reservations at the hotel are still being taken. There is no air conditioning. If you stay 2 nights or more, the cost is \$35-\$45 per night. As of May 23 there were 3 rooms on the 1st floor, 30 rooms on the 2nd floor, and 40 rooms on the 3rd floor. There are no showers--baths only. The number to call is (800-828-9619).

Jack Wright has a '63 red convertible which he drove and parked in his back yard in Linesville, Pa. 2 or 3 years ago, parts car...\$150.00.

Randy Shaffer

NEXT MEETING JUNE 27

What is Bill 'Shave' Hey, Bill 'Shave'?

ON THE COVER... This ad for a local bank was recently printed in the Washington Observer-Reporter. Photo appears courtesy of Barb Capellini. (Written permission obtained.)

The Carnegie Tours

On Sunday, November 19, WPCC members and friends will be enjoying the fabulous, fun, intricate world of "The Carnegie."

Each person who goes will receive a no-charge ticket for admission, a private tour, an admission to Buhl Planetarium, one travel film adventure, and a 10% discount in the museum souvenir shop.

Our day will begin shortly after 1:00 PM with the three actual tours beginning at 1:30 PM. NO ONE will be allowed to join a tour once it has begun and there will be no exceptions. Punctual is the word for the day.

Our three tours are absolutely limited to ten people and it is recommended that small children, even younger teenagers not be included. Younger children must hold a hand or be carried.

After the tour we are encouraged to linger until 4:30 or so to see other sections of the museum or to go back and dwell at something we saw on our tour.

Within the Museum of Art, the choices are the "Masterpieces" or "Mr. Carnegie's Legacy". Obviously, the first deals with the various artistic masterpieces, the latter with Mr. Carnegie's influence on this area.

We are also being offered a tour of the Museum of Natural History hitting all of the 'Highlights' with particular interest in the Dinosaurs and the Polar Cap. After the museum and Ellen's warped attempt to introduce me to culture, we will of course, eat at a medium priced family-type restaurant.

Beginning at the June meeting, Joe Schilling or I will have a sign-up sheet so be thinking which tour interests me or wait and see which tour the spouse chooses so you can go elsewhere. Remember, this tour has been paid for in advance and is available for the grasping. What you eat determines the cost.

Dale Smith

Send your articles or news items to the editor!

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