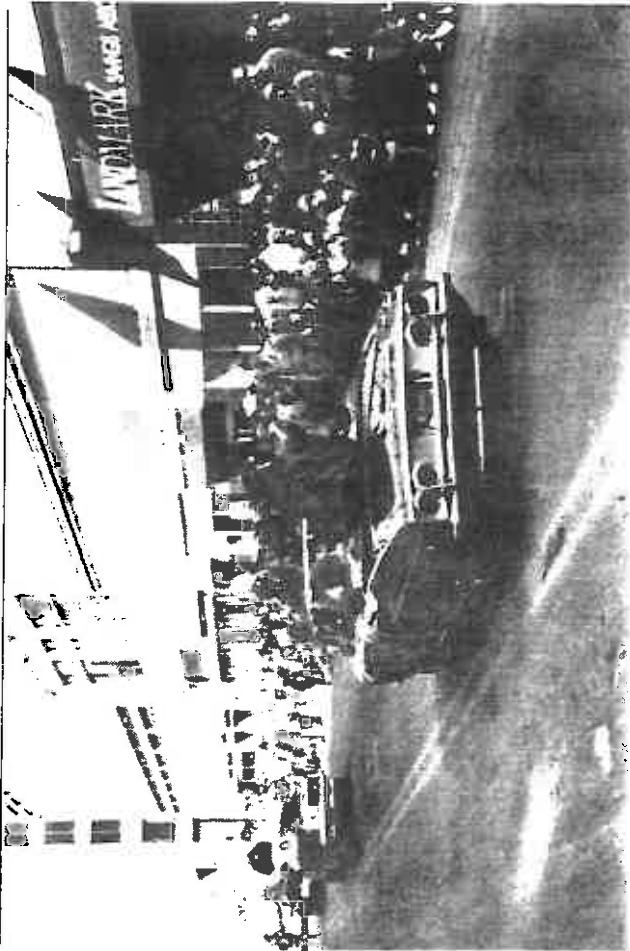


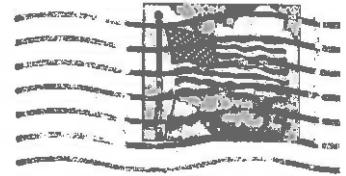
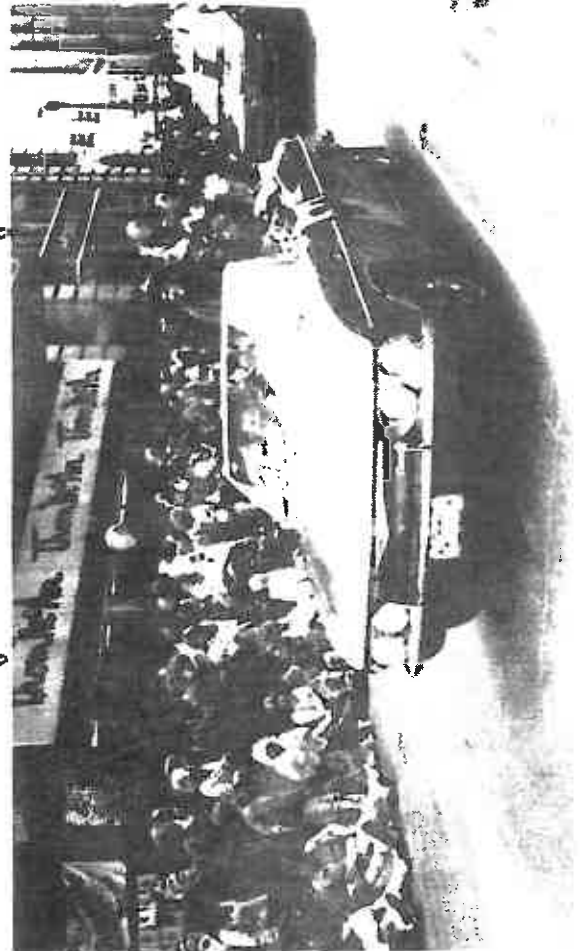
# THE VAIR STREET JOURNAL

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

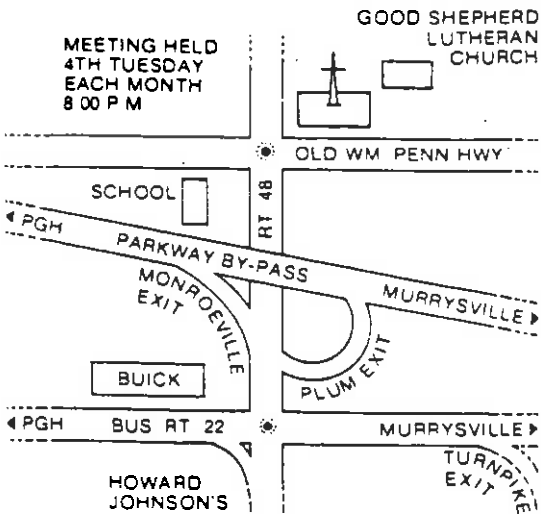
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89 Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade



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Western PA. Corvair Club  
634 Arden Lane  
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**THE STERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB WANTS YOU!!**  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

That sure is a great little car you're driving. In fact the Corvair 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 Corvair 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 Corvair 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 Corvair Society of America" (CORSAs), a rapidly growing international organization now boasting over 8,000 members. We encourage all WPCC members to maintain membership in CORSA—The International Corvair Club.

The long range goals of both clubs is simply to increase the enjoyment and preservation of the Corvair automobile. We provide - technical and historic information, parts procurement, professional publications, and an international classified ad service. We sponsor and participate in - Corvair shows, rallies, time trials, autocross events, mini conventions, and national conventions. We love driving to local points of interest, touring style, in Corvair convoys. We have parties, picnics, and dinners, there's always plenty of Corvair 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 Corvair into our club. Simply complete the attached application and mail it to Al Friend, WPCC Liaison. Remember, the nicest people drive Corvairs, 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.

J. DALE SMITH  
634 ARDEN LANE  
PITTSBURGH, PA  
15247

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 CORSA Member?  Yes  No. # Corvairs owned, yr., model \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recommended by \_\_\_\_\_ Amount paid \_\_\_\_\_ Other car clubs \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other information: \_\_\_\_\_

**MINUTES OF WPCC MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 28, 1989**

1989 officers presented: president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. There were corrections. Bill Brill moved to accept the secretary's report as printed.

1989 board members present: Don Baker, Dick Breier, Ray Horn, Wayne Jones, and Bob McCune. The treasurer's report was approved as read. Irene Artzberger reported that the balance before the meeting was \$282.35. At the time of this meeting there were 31 paid members.

**Old Business**

New members at the meeting were Dick Dandois, Robb Maglietta, and Randy Shaffer whose wife bought him a blue 1962 Corvair Monza for Christmas.

The president recapitulated the events calendar for 1989. We were reminded that the Meyersdale people were nice enough to create a Corvair division this year so we should make an extra effort to attend. WPCC may ask that the cars not be split into early and late categories for next year; we'll have to see how the Vairs stack up.

Once again we were asked to invite yuppies and all other willing competitors to come to the drags on Memorial Day weekend. Al has invited the Jaguar club. In case of inclement weather, we will supply you with a phone number to see if the raceway will be open. The rain date would be in the following month. Please add the Loyalty Day Parade to your refrigerator calendar: April 29--we need all the cars we can muster!

The June 17-18 Fairmont trip was briefly discussed. Al had pamphlets about the event. If you plan to go, please tell Bill and Irene Artzberger. The Kennywood date has been finalized: June 25, 1989; mark your calendar.



Briefly mentioned were the Crafton Parade, the Canonsburg parade (please bring a covered dish), the Washington Parade, the Macungie trip, and the Strasburg show and awards banquet which will be held on Saturday.

As for the Titusville cruise, Al has found that we can rent our own rail car for approximately \$400.00. Pencil this in on your calendar and if we can't get 50 people to cover the private car, we will just pay \$7.00 each. The organizers need just a month's notice so there's no big hurry. The trip would require an 8:00 AM departure from the Bob Evans restaurant on routes 79 and 19, we'd caravan for about two hours, spend one-and-a-half to two hours to tour the grounds, take a noon train ride and eat lunch on the train. Afterward Al suggested that we go to Horn-A-Plenty for dinner and then go home.

Dick Breier spoke about the bus trip from Charleroi or the County Airport to Hershey. He said we'd get there by dawn and that the bus could get right in. At 6:00 the bus would bring us right home by about 10:00. There still is no

confirmation on the bus but more information will follow.

Bill Artzberger talked about the White Post restoration shop to see in October.

Al Friend said that Bates Murphy wants to know if the club is interested in a car show at Seven Springs if the show is produced. Al will try to swing a deal with the resort for special rates on rooms in exchange for participation in their show. We'll keep you posted.

Don Baker presented the Steel Cities Region SCCA Autocross School at North Park Swimming Pool parking lot. The date is Saturday, April 8 for the school and you can attend a free autocross on Sunday. April 16 is the first points event autocross at the Pgh. Zoo parking lot. Admission is \$10:00 or \$11.00 for the day. There will be four runs and you must work one.

April 22 or 23 (depending on where Orthodox Easter falls) is the date for Don Baker's educational rallye/econo-run. Don will give us a tech talk at the March meeting.



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## New Business

At the Pittsburgh Sheraton on April 29 at 10:00 AM, there will be a 4 session seminar on car show judging, toy collection, wardrobing and color analysis, and quilting. Admission is free to Transportation Museum Society members and \$25.00 to non-members. Part of that fee goes toward your becoming a member. Remember to help the cause.

On June 17, there will be an invitational car show at the Station Square which will include classics and semi-classics. There will also be six one-cylinder cars racing.

Bill A. also told us about a picnic and off-road type tour near the Arden Trolley Museum in Washington. It will be sometime in the summer. There will also be an auction of parts and possibly a car auction and a sports car hill climb.

Jay Smith brought an order form from Clark's Corvair Parts for inexpensive Clark's newest catalogues.

Don Baker passed along this information. The Sports Car Hotline, 221-6692, gives an update on car related events. He suggested that we adver-

tise (\$5.00 fee) our Titusville trip and the drags.

Vaun Hamlin reminded us of the annual meeting of the Legislative Council of the Hershey Region Antique Automobile Club of America in Palmyra, Pa on March 12. Vaun is going and is offering a free ride and lunch to anyone who will go with him.

Bob Hieber is making kits with WPC and CORSA applications for potential new members.

Jay Smith called upon the membership to donate dangerous car parts (preferably painted) for his display at the Jamboree on auto safety. Please bring these items to the March meeting. Jay brought Jamboree sponsored coupon books to Pittsburgh places of business to offer for sale. The members decided to make the five coupon books the prizes to the 50/50 drawing and let the money go to the Jamboree.

Vaun mentioned that he needs 2 1962 coupe doors. Ray Paisley has a '66 500 Cpe. automatic for sale with 59,000 miles. Call 327-8341.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20.





## The Meyersdale Trip



# BE PREPARED FOR ANY KIND OF WEATHER AND HOPE FOR SUNSHINE AND A WARM TEMPERATURE!



This is the first car show of 1969 so let's try to have a good showing of our cars. The committee made a Corvair class in each show this year and the WPCC could bring home 6 trophies. The show on Sunday, April 2 will include 1965 through 1969 models (Class 14). The show on Sunday, April 9 will be Antique Class 13 cars from 1960 through 1964. If you are going to Meyersdale, and we hope you are, be at the McDonald's Restaurant at New Stanton off the Turnpike at 9:30 A.M. We will have breakfast there and leave for Meyersdale at 10:00 A.M.

**REGISTRATION:** in the MASONIC LODGE PARKING LOT 1/4 mile SOUTH of Monument on ROUTE 219 near CAR WASH and HOSPITAL ENTRANCE from 9:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

If you do not have a pre-registration form send \$4.00 with your NAME, ADDRESS, CLASS, CAR MAKE, and MODEL YEAR to:

Pennsylvania Maple Festival  
P.O. Box 228  
Meyersdale, PA 15552  
c/o car shows

Please try to pre-register so they can allow enough room for all of us.

Things that may be of interest to you at the festival are the making of maple syrup and its products, craft displays, antique and collectible displays, quilt show, flea market, Lions Pancake House and other good things to eat.

**BE PREPARED FOR ANY KIND OF WEATHER AND HOPE FOR SUNSHINE AND A WARM TEMPERATURE!!**

Alice Miller



## The Prez Sez

Wow, do I have cabin fever! The mild winter has been kinder and gentler to our beloved Corvairs, but now that it's March, Ma Nature decides to dump the heaviest snowfall of the year upon us. Oh well, get it out of your system now, Ma, before WPCC kicks off the action packed '89 schedule at Meyersdale's Pennsylvania Maple Festival on April 2 (lates) and April 9 (earlies). The Steel City Region of SCCA will conduct an autocross school on April 8 at the North Park Swimming Pool lot if you would like to learn how to do it properly. Don Baker may work up an easy rally/econo-run for early April. See this Journal for details.

All of the above sounds great, gang, but

wait a minute, could it be...YES IT IS...D DAY is exactly two months from this meeting night!! What in the heck is D DAY you ask? D DAY is drag strip day, May 28, Memorial Day Sunday. What a way to drive into summer! So you'll have plenty of time to get your Vair in fighting form, I've written an article on racing preparation for this Journal.

Speaking of tech tips, our fine V.P., Jay Smith, is coordinating the tech sessions at the monthly meetings. Make this job easier by laying your ideas and requests on him. If you would like to learn about something or to teach us something, talk it over with the VEER. He may be young, but he's not a Quayle!!

## Titusville Tidbits

"Titusville was founded in 1796 by Jonathan Titus and Samuel Kerr, surveyors for the Holland Land Company. Settlers soon came from the East and a successful oil well in 1859 changed the community and the course of history. Today, the city (chartered as such in 1866) has diversi-

fied industries; excellent educational, religious, and recreational facilities; a rich heritage with an important place in the history of the world-all reasons to be proud of Titusville."

Stay tuned to this Journal for more details on our Sept. 24 event.



## Corvair Racing Prep

by Al Friend

(What does he know about racing?)

I'll tell you wise guys what I know about racing. I know that I can take good notes and ask a lot of questions. So here is a summation of my race prep notes.

Most of these ideas have come from discussions with Vaun Hamlin and Denny Hamill, although a few of the more bizarre ideas are mine. No guarantees, but here goes:

1. 45 lb. pressure in the front tires and 36 lb. in the rears -- This is for drag racing, not autocrossing.
2. Put the tire with the least tread on the right rear.
3. Stiffen the rear suspension if possible.
4. Change the oil, but put some miles on the oil prior to race day.
5. Install new plugs, points, condenser, rotor, and ignition wires.
6. Set dwell toward the high side of 30 to 34 degrees.
7. Tune up with the highest octane possible.
8. Set timing as high as possible without pinging.
9. Charge battery fully.
10. Take a new air filter and install it just before your first run.
11. Vaun sells an additive called TVF. Put 1/3 in your gas, 1/3 in the oil prior to changing it, and 1/3 into the carburetor(s) while the engine is running.
12. Lighten car as much as possible. Remove floor mats, mud flaps, spare tire, jack, rear seat, lose weight, and go to the bathroom.
13. Soak a fan belt in silicone spray and install it loosely so it will slip at high speed.
14. Install headers, Bosch or Accel coil, and capacitance discharge system.
15. Back off the brake shoes so there is less drag.
16. Install smaller wheels and tires.
17. Correct wheel alignment.
18. Install a recurved distributor (Bill Cotrofeld can do 140's).
19. Put on a fresh wax job.  
That's it for my notes. If you have additional ideas, how about sharing them with us at the meeting. I don't know about you, but I have a lot of work to do before D DAY!



## The First Lady Sez

Hey, Gang, we still need some help for the monthly meeting refreshment committees. This is the schedule so far:

Mar. Gayle Gundlach  
Carole Friend

Apr. \_\_\_\_\_

May Alice Miller

Jean Brill

Jun. Ellen Smith

Laurie Maglietta

Jul. Gayle Gundlach

Aug. \_\_\_\_\_

Jan Fabyonic

Carol Breler

Sep. Donna Hieber

Oct. \_\_\_\_\_

Nov. \_\_\_\_\_

Help to fill in the blanks. How about some of you guys talking to your wives and/or girl friends about signing up for one of the open months. Who knows, they might get involved; Corvairs and Corvair people seem to be quite contagious you know! We all enjoy these great treats after the meetings but shouldn't more of us be pitching in? Is it really fair to rely on the same people month after month? Think about it.

Carole Friend

[Editor's note: I know some gentlemen who are excellent amateur chefs. How about you GUYS? If I can rebuild and replace wheel cylinders, brake lines, and crossmembers, surely you can whip up instant brownies or something. Give yourself some credit! Be patient, ladies.]

# NEXT MEETING

## MARCH 28



## Corvair Classified

1965 Monza coupe with 4-speed and rebuilt 140 engine. Extra solid body. Very good interior. Some spare parts included. \$1999 or best reasonable offer.

Also free to any taker: green bucket seats, late model coupe doors, 1964 engine in a basket, '64 automatic trans., hubcaps, chrome, and what have you. Call Dave Lovejoy at 563-1190.

Dave, your article is wonderful and it's coming...sorry about the ads.



We were saddened by the passing of Maryann O'Connor, wife of John and mother of Shawn, Lisa, Robin, and Jeff. Maryann was a very special person and will be in our hearts and in our prayers.

Vaun Hanlin and I attended the March 12 meeting of the Legislative Council of Motor Vehicle Clubs of PA held in Palmyra, PA. This is a summation of Vaun's notes.

Of the 57 paid member clubs, only 29 were represented at the meeting. Topics of discussion were membership, the semiannual publication (Update), our public relations effort and the Legislative Report. Jay Layman, our Council representative for 17 years, informed us that in addition to the \$3,600 fee in past years, his firm will possibly require an additional \$2,000.

Old Business included letters to legislators, alternatives to the CAT Fund and expanding the Council membership by having Regional meetings.

New Business included our position on new legislation (Senate Bills 265 and 496), our position on new insurance proposals, and our Council budget. In order to keep Mr. Layman on retainer we must expand membership to decrease the cost burden per club.

Some items with which the Council has been involved are Boca Codes, local ordinances, junk-yard policy, legislation/legislators, and House Bill 334 in conjunction with Penn Dot.

It was a productive day. While Vaun and I were eating at Ed's Steak House in Bedford, we overheard a familiar discussion in the next dining area--antique cars. When the group disbanded, Vaun stopped one of the members and told them about the Council and what it does for us. We passed along some information to them and finished a fine dinner.

*Edward M. ...*

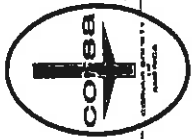
**D.K. Partner. This is it.**

This is your final issue of the Vair Street Journal. Pay up or saddle up. 'Ol Irene will even set you up with a fancy membership card an' all. Write a check for \$10.00 payable to Western PA Corvair Club and bring it to the next meetin' or send it to:

Irene Artzberger  
305 Golf Drive  
Pgh., PA 15229

We hate to see y'all go. Besides, you never know when you'll need us. What about your horses? Even if you have 180---we'll help you take care of 'em.

*If you have already made your payment, please disregard this notice.*



**Corvair Society of America**

Founded in 1969 by and for those who still appreciate the Corvair Automobile  
P.O. Box 550 • Midlothian, Illinois 60445 • 312/339-6241

**Membership Application**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Museum Fund  
 1 year membership . . . . . \$25  
 26 month membership . . . . . 50  
 1 year Canadian membership . . . . . 28  
 26 month Canadian membership . . . . . 58  
 1 year overseas membership . . . . . 38  
 26 month overseas membership . . . . . 76  
 Museum Fund Donation . . . . . min. \$1  
 Racing Fund Donation . . . . . min. \$1  
 A museum fund is established to protect and preserve Corvair memorabilia.  
 Racing Fund  
 This fund provides cash prizes to winning Corvairs entered in national open class racing.  
 \*Must be paid in U.S. funds.  
 Please make check or money order payable to CORSA, Inc. and mail to: CORSA, Inc., P.O. Box 550, Midlothian, IL 60445-0550. There may be a four to six week delay before you receive your first "CORSA Communic".  
 CORSA's Board of Directors welcomes you to the Corvair Society of America. To help us better understand your needs and desires, and to aid in charting the direction of future CORSA growth, we request that you take a few moments to answer the following questions.  
 1. How did you hear about CORSA? \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. What is your primary interest in Corvairs? (Transportation, restoration, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. How many Corvairs do you have? Running \_\_\_\_\_ Restorable \_\_\_\_\_ Parts cars \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Are you a long time owner? \_\_\_\_\_ First time owner? \_\_\_\_\_ Previous owner who has reacquired a Corvair? \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. Approximately how many Corvair-miles do you drive in a year? \_\_\_\_\_  
 6. Do you do your own mechanical work? \_\_\_\_\_ Body work? \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_ Minor \_\_\_\_\_  
 7. What other cars do you own or use for daily transportation? \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. What do you hope to gain from membership in CORSA? (Technical information, parts availability, competition information, social information, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Enclosed is a current list of the CORSA chapters (over 120 throughout the world). If you would like further information on the CORSA chapter nearest you, please check the box and write the number of the closest chapter. If you already belong to a CORSA chapter, please indicate the chapter number so that we can add it to our records.  
 I would like to be contacted by the closest CORSA chapter.  I belong to # \_\_\_\_\_ CORSA chapter.  
 Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ CORSA ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your cooperation and, again, welcome to CORSA. Please feel free to contact us or any of our Directors if you have additional questions or suggestions.