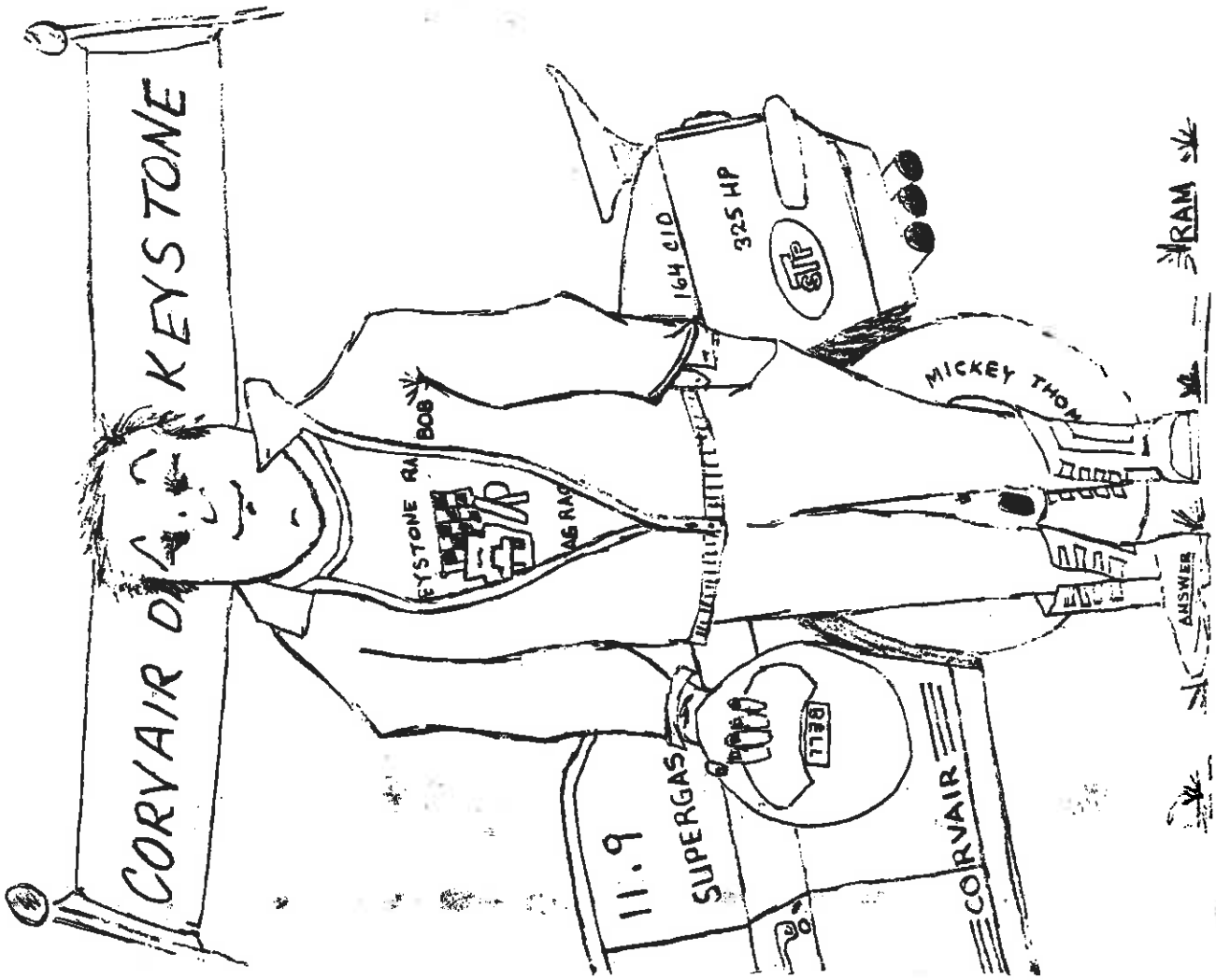


THE VAIR STREET JOURNAL

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WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB



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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
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*Al and Carol Friend
3677 Forbes Trail
Murrysville, Pa*

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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 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" (CORSA), 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 Communiciques."

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
 MAIL TO: W.P.C.C. c/o 634 ARDEN LANE
 PITTSBURGH, PA 15243

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
APRIL 25, 1989

1989 officers presented: president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.

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

The treasurer's report was approved as read. Irene reported nine positive responses from the postcard membership renewal effort. As of this meeting there were

64 member families. WPCC treasury stands at \$549.24.

The secretary's report was approved as recorded.

Irene Artzberger announced the return of Herb and Gae Horn as members. Their membership application listed occupation as "wishfully re-tired", phone number as "can't remember", and age as "old".

Old Business

The Meyersdale event was highlighted by Archie Miller.

Dave Moore, WPCC member and Lenzner Coach Lines driver, reported on the status of the bus rental for the Hershey

event. Dave said that Lenzner can meet DeBolt's price and possibly go a little lower. Dick Breler gave his seal of approval. Irene said she'd write a \$50.00 check for deposit to Lenzner Lines.


New Business

Dave Moore assured us that even if the weather doesn't cooperate, the show will still go on--the Loyalty Day Parade, that is. He had a list of convertibles that were definitely coming. Those belonging to Bob Donnelly, Bob Hieber, and Terry Poe were certain to show.

Dave called for one more ragtop to participate.

Those planning to participate in the Loyalty Day Parade were instructed to arrive at 10:30 on Centre Avenue in Pittsburgh. The parade would start at 11:00.

Bill Artzberger informed the attending club



members of the 12:00-1:00 Sheraton Hotel check-in for the seminars for car buffs scheduled right after the parade. The four seminars include: a round-table discussion on car restoration given by five gentlemen including Bill himself; a presentation on antique vehicular toys and tin character toys and on collecting Buddy L and other 1/16" scale toy trucks; another discussion, "Your car through a show judge's eyes"; and make-up and wardrobe color by Chandree of Station Square.

The Vintage Grand Prix will be July 22, 23 at Schenley Park. Bill suspects the Corvair Club will help to provide protection to the cars. As a worker, you will keep an eye on the antique cars and in return get a free breakfast, lunch, and a party later.

The Transportation Museum Car Show will be June 17, 1989.

The May 20 caravan to the Frederick, Maryland Corvair Club all-Corvair flea market and show was mentioned. Al Friend is going. If you have something for sale, put a price on it and he will sell it for you.

Al said that the dinner at Ponderosa was nice and that maybe we'll do it again sometime.

Jay Smith announced that the Clark's catalogues are in and asked that we pick them up after the meeting.

Automotive Services Association member Vaughn Hamlin announced that that organization is in immediate need of \$5000.00. Vaughn is doing his part by selling cushions for \$10.00. They are handy for working on the car or in the garden or for at the game. Automotive Services Association is worthy of our support because they helped to get wording out of House Bill 431 that would have allowed PA insurance companies to choose the repair shop when you make a claim.

It was reported that once again we were invited to the Monroeville Independence Day Festivities. Although WPCC is committed to the Canonsburg parade on July 4, those of you who are closer to the Monroeville event can go and still attend the Smiths' picnic.

Al has promised to get the drag race paper work ready sooner this

year. Look for more information in the May newsletter. By the way, the Corvair Club made its way into the Keystone Raceway Racing Schedule. We are listed as "Al Friend and his Corvair Club."

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55.

A Special Thanks

I want to especially thank Bill Artzberger who stepped in on very short notice to do an outstanding tech session on body panel repair when Bob Hieber had to attend a business seminar which popped up and prevented him from being at our last meeting. Bob's tech session on electrical systems will be given later this year. In May, we are looking forward to a talk by a man from New Castle Battery Company on rebuilding antique car batteries. An upcoming outdoor highlight, probably in June, will be Dave Moore giving a demonstration on fiberglazing. Due to the fact that this will be a participating outdoor event, this tech session will be held before the regular meeting.

Jay Smith

Kennywood Park Corvair Day

Our Kennywood event on June 25 will be run in the same manner as in previous years. V.I.P. parking under the Laser Loop--no charge for Corvairs. Discount all-day ride tickets will be available from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The parade will be held at 4:00 followed by fun and fellowship at Pavilion 6A (behind the Log Jammer) Having this event in June proved to be very cool and less crowded last year than in previous years, so plan to attend a very pleasant day. For further information call Bill at 364-6842.

Vance Artzberger



Bill Artzberger and his tech demonstration at the February meeting sparked me to do a little more digging. The following information from Kendall Refining Company (Bradford, PA 16701) may help you make a better choice.

Because engines are used in different ways, there are various methods of classifying oil needed for these engines. For

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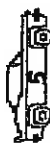
THE LOYALTY PARADE

For any of you who don't remember, Dave Moore repeated five times at the meeting that parades go on regardless of weather and he couldn't remember ever seeing one cancelled due to rain. Those comments certainly must have affected Saturday's weather, although the miserable drizzle did stop so that the tops could be put down for the parade. Using a red, white, and blue motif, four Corvairs proudly transported the Queen, the First Attendant, the Second Attendant, and an adorable little girl who was Poppy Queen. Because the club response was so fantastic, we had two extra convertibles, as well as the Lakewood, Jay's coupe, Dave Moore's coupe, and Bill Artzberger's knockout Model "A". Participating Corvair Club families were: Artzberger, Brill, Donnelly, Friend, Hieber, Lane, Maglietta, Moore, Poe, and the Smiths. Needless to say, all the Corvairs drew a lot of attention and were the hit

of the show. Much as it pains me to admit it, however, the wild and different paint jobs that Laurie and Jay had drew the most attention, and the finale was one person videotaping the event showing Laurie talking on her car phone during the parade. The car phone came in handy at the end when we needed to round up missing cars for our traditional eating, this time at the Ground Round in Greentree; and, yes, folks who were embarrassed to go with Bob Hieber and me, we abstained from the usual popcorn fight.

Dale Smith

Remember folks, we have three more major parades and the opportunity to get together as a group this year. Please mark your calendar for the June 30 Crafton Parade and ice cream get-together at King's; the July 4 Canonsburg Parade and picnic at the Smiths'; and finally, the July 29 Washington County Parade and picnic at the Magliettas'.



THE DRAGS!

Let's plan to arrive about 11:00 AM in New Alexandria at the intersection of Routes 22 and 981, in the mini mall lot directly across Rte. 22 from Grabiak Chevrolet. There is a Dairy Queen, an Arby's, and The Corner Restaurant within walking distance.

We will depart together shortly after 11:30 AM for the 1.25 mile drive east on Rte. 22 to Keystone. It is absolutely imperative that we arrive together as a club in order to be admitted at our special price of \$8.00 per car (no matter how many are in the car). To avoid confusion this year, we'll complete all of the necessary paperwork prior to heading for the strip. You must have seat belts and good tires.

We can set up our own picnic area in our parking area. Bring blankets, umbrellas, sporting equipment, etc. Bring your own picnic basket or use the very good snack shop. Keystone has 110 octane leaded racing gas.

Helmets are not necessary. Best of all, passengers are O.K. Your kids, spouse, or friends can ride along--bring the movie camera or camcorder for in-the-car action shots!! We will race against only each other as a club, and will get 3 or 4 time trial runs. The trophy will donate to the club for our own eliminator.

You can also size up the competition and run in the regular eliminators for trophies or cash by paying the difference between the regular fee and our \$8.00 rate.

Invite non-members to join us. It's always nice to beat up on over-rated water-pumpers and plastic Yuppies!

Heaven forbid it should be raining on the 28th. Call 668-7600 for the recorded message. If racing is cancelled that day, the entire event will be rescheduled later in the year. If you have any questions, call Al Friend at (412) 325-2588.



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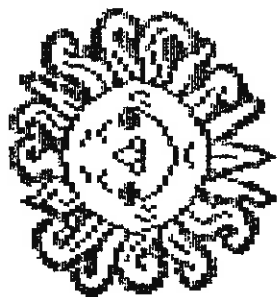
Holy Cow! D-Day is finally here! This coming Sunday, we can finally "do it again" at the drag strip." If you're doubtful about racing your car, at least come out to watch the fun, while showing the crowd another Corvair. Also, passengers are O.K. So talk one of us into giving you a ride that you'll long remember. See you in New Alexandria.

Also, mark June 25 on every calendar in the house; it's Corvair Day at Kenneywood Park. Wow, is summer here or what? Alice Miller and Jean Brill will be providing goodies at this meeting, but since dinner at Ponderosa prior to the meeting was so nice, let's do it again anyway.

A big thank-you to Dave Lovejoy for the interesting article describing his many and varied trips in Corvairs. You were kind of wild in your younger days, weren't you, Dave? Hey, everyone in WPCC, take a few minutes and jot down all of your overnight Vair trips. Then open up to the front of the Rand-McNally Atlas and guesstimate your total Corvair trip mileage. How about it? Let's take

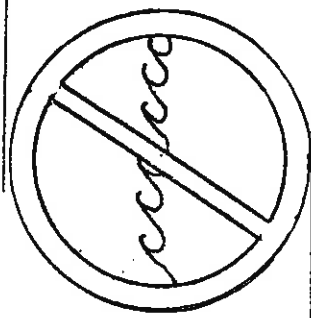
Dave's article as a challenge and flood Laurie with total distances and some interesting stories to go with them. We all know Dave a lot better now; let's get to know you better. Isn't that what WPCC is all about?

Sorry, Dave, but you're already in second place. My trip total is 38,600 miles, including nine CORSA National Conventions and one 2900 mile trip from Pittsburgh to Sacramento, CA via Death Valley. In 38,600 miles, I've encountered only two mechanical problems and both were on the same trip to Lime Rock, CT--a leak in the gas tank and a rear wheel bearing. We're going to have to have a man to man talk about preventive maintenance, Dave!



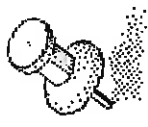
Corvair Days at Strasburg

Bob McCune will have registration and hotel reservation forms for Corvair Days, September 9 and 10, at the meeting on May 23. Corvair Days is the show of the Central PA Corvair Club held annually at the Historic Strasburg Inn. It is highly recommended by those members who have attended in the past; ask Bill Artzberger about the food. Bob has a warning for those who want to attend this year. GET YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS NOW! Rooms are scarce. Bob has been in touch with the Inn and the reservation supervisor asks that if you phone (1-800-472-0201) ask for Matthew, not reservations. Have your credit card number handy. Matthew has the rooms that are blocked off for this event. If you mail your reservations, mark your envelope "Attention: Matthew". But do it now!



Bob also advises that the Dutchland Auto Auction previously held at Dutch Wonderland on Route 30 in Lancaster, will be held this year at the Historic Strasburg Inn. This is at the end of September but don't call the Inn, they are already sold out for this event.

Bob McCune



Mid Maryland flea Market and Corvair Show

DON'T FORGET the Mid Maryland Flea Market and Corvair Show in Frederick, Maryland on May 20th. It will be held at the same place as last year but the name has been changed to J.K.J. Sport Chevrolet and Cadillac at the intersection of Routes 15 and 40. Peoples choice voting, fun and games, tech sessions, and a huge flea market will complete the event. Join the Artzberger-Jones-Parker caravan. Al Friend will meet us there. Call Bill at 364-6842.



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example, there are individual classifications that are specified by the millitary; others required by car manufacturers; and others defined by the American Petroleum Institute (API). They all relate to how the engine is used. The passenger carowner is currently directed to the best oil for his type of operation by the car manufacturer's recommendations based on the API Classifications. You've probably seen one or more of these API Classifications on the oil containers.

GASOLINE ENGINES

SA-straight mineral oil, no additives
SB-typical non-detergent motor oil
{the following codes meet the car manufacturers' warranty for the year given.}

- SC-Meets 1964 requirements
- SD-Meets 1968 requirements
- SE-Meets 1972 requirements
- SF-Meets 1980 requirements
- SG-Meets 1989 requirements

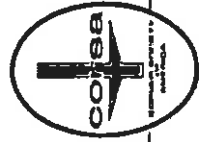
DIESEL ENGINES

- CA-Meets requirements for light duty diesel
- CB-Meets requirements for moderate duty diesel
- CC-Meets requirements for moderate duty diesel/gasoline
- CD-Meets requirements for severe duty diesel
- CD-II-Meets requirement for 2-cycle turbo charged diesels
- CE-Meets requirements for turbocharged heavy duty diesels

Five Years Ago In the Journal

The May '84 Journal was a short four-page issue but included a very interesting article describing our Old Economy event led by Armin and Janet Abramson. We were also working up our strategies for a Corvair convoy to the National Convention in Parsippany, NJ. Bob McCune was looking into a bus trip to White Post, VA. The May '84 event was a covered dish picnic at the Sweets' farm in Portersville. On tap at the event was a "name that part" contest and the opportunity to have your Vair pre-judged prior to the National Convention.

NEXT MEETING MAY 23



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 _____ City _____ State/Prov _____ Zip Code _____ Country _____
 Telephone Number _____ Occupation _____

Fee Schedule

- 1 year membership \$25
- 26 month membership 50
- 1 year Canadian membership 28
- 26 month Canadian membership 56
- 1 year overseas membership 38
- 26 month overseas membership 76
- Museum Fund Donation min. \$1
- Racing Fund Donation min \$1

Museum Fund

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 Communicate".

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, special 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 your Directors if you have additional questions or suggestions.