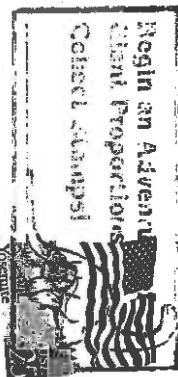
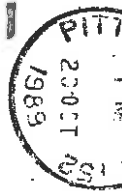
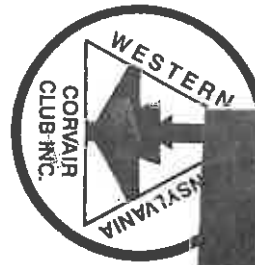


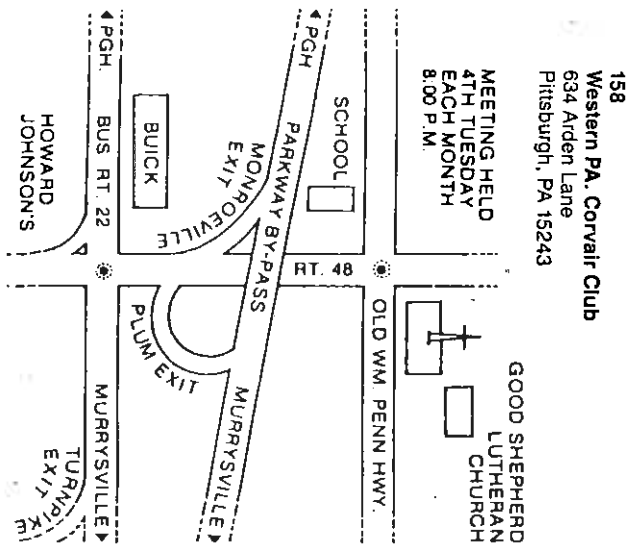
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WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

OCTOBER 1989



CORVAIR CLUB RIDES OC&T — "The Great Titusville Old Car Cruise" organized by the Western Pennsylvania Corvaire Club took place Sunday with the organization's members boarding the Oil Creek & Titusville Railroad at the Drake Well Station. The Drake Well grounds seemed to turn magically into a car show as dozens of the beautiful old machines were parked for all to see and appreciate.



**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 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 Corvair 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 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, WPCCC 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 WPCCC.

MAIL TO: W.P.C.C. c/o J. DALE SMITH
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 WPCCC MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26, 1989**

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

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

The secretary's re-

port was approved as recorded. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Irene Artzberger reported that 138 people rode the Titusville train.

Old Business

Al Friend reported that the Titusville cruise was a tremendous success and he thanked Bill and Irene Artzberger, Dale Smith, and Vaun Hamlin for their efforts in making it all happen. The club received two thank-you notes from the railroad personnel.

Irene A. is keeping a list of names and addresses of those who attended the event so that we can contact them again for next year's events.

Vaun Hamlin thanked Al Friend for arranging the Horn-o-Plenty visit.

The Hershey trip was discussed next. As of this meeting there were only 14 people signed up for the trip. Bill Artzberger suggested that we ought to run an advertisement in the Pittsburgh Sunday paper in the antique car section.

Dale Smith reported that the C.M.U. parade was cancelled.

New Business

Dale Smith announced that the WPCCC Holiday Party will be January 13, 1990 in downtown Pittsburgh. Bob Hieber and Dale arranged a restaurant called "Up over Jimmy's" for the party. WPCCC has

the place all to themselves that evening. There will be an open cash bar for us and an area in which to watch videos taken of this year's events. Cost will be \$10.00 for meal; this



includes tax and gratuities.

The annual elections and meeting will be held at the party.

Bill A. got a letter from Rick Chris who is in charge of the Stern's Museum. For \$100 you can go there and get as many parts as you can carry. Cars are also for sale for a reasonable price. If you are interested, call Bill. Mr. Chris wants everyone to come at one time. Bill wants to go in early or mid November.

Bill also announced that there is going to be a three day show in Winchester, VA at White Post Restorations on October 20, 21, and 22.

John and Gayle Gundlach bought a beautiful 1966 Corsa Convertible.

Don Baker announced a SAE Seminar on November 8 in the Pittsburgh area. The talk will be about the new ZR1 Corvette by the chief engineer at the Bowling Green, KY 'vette plant. If you're interested, call Don.

Don also announced an October 8 autocross in Morgantown, WV to support the WVU Formula SAE race car powered by a 600 cc motorcycle engine.

And once again we are reminded to encourage people to come to the Memorial Day Sunday drag races at Keystone.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54.



The number of WPC members in attendance at Titusville including their guests was great. Here's the head count.

Vaun Hamlin 2
Bill Artzberger 3
Sandra Burrows 1
Walt Baldinger 2
John Gundlach 2
Dale Smith 6
Jim Lane 6

Laurie Maglietta 8
Bob Larison 6
Dick Breier 3
Ray Horn 4
Wayne Jones 2
Bob Hieber 6
Al Friend 3

A sincere thanks to all who attended this event. We hope you enjoyed yourselves. We enjoyed having you there.

The Organizers



Belt Use Reaches Record High 43% Nationwide

Secretary of Transportation James Burnley said National Highway Traffic Safety Administration studies in 19 U.S. cities found that 43.4 percent of drivers are now wearing safety belts. In 1982, before NHTSA began a nationwide campaign to encourage belt use and state adoption of mandatory belt-use laws, 11 percent of drivers used safety belts. Burnley said, "Among front-seat passenger-vehicle occupants (passenger cars, light trucks and vans), safety belts saved about 4,000 lives in 1987. From 1983 through 1987, safety belts saved nearly 11,000 lives - 6,900 due to belt-use laws."

Leading Auto Insurers Offer Discounts For Seat Belts

According to NHTSA, most insurers provide discounts for automobiles equipped with factory-installed automatic crash protection. Automatic belts or airbags are now available in many models of cars. The discounts apply to premiums for medical payments for occupants of the insured automobile, or in states with no-fault insurance, to personal injury protection for the occupants of the insured vehicle. According to NHTSA administrator Diane K. Steed, "Air bags alone can reduce the chance of fatality in crashes by 20-40 percent and, combined with a lap belt, can reduce the risk by 40-50 percent."

LEADING AUTO INSURERS WITH DISCOUNT RATES

COMPANY	AIRBAGS		AUTOMATIC BELTS
	Driver	Full Front	
Allstate	20%	30%	30%
Nationwide	25%	40%	10%
State Farm	20%	30%	10%
Liberty Mutual	20%	30%	30%
Aetna Casualty	20%	30%	30%
USAA	60%	60%	30%
Travelers	15%	30%	30%
GEICO	30%	30%	30%
Continental			
Casualty	30%	30%	30%
Prudential	20%	30%	20%
Hartford	20%	30%	30%
AMICA	30%	30%	30%



The Gala Holiday Party January 13, 1990

Time to ring in a new decade of Corvairing with a very special get-together that should titillate the taste buds as we close out and fondly remember the eighties.

We have secured UP-OVER-JIMMIES on Smithfield Street. We will have a viewing area for all videos shot during the year, an open bar, and a world-class buffet following fruit and cheese hors d'oeuvre trays.

Now ladies, here's the neat part. Every year you want to see the holiday decorations and treat yourself to after the

holiday sales and the old boy says--"There's nothing to do." Now you've got him! Park in the garage at Smithfield and the Blvd. of the Allies and take in the sights. See the PPG complex, the courthouse, Oxford Centre, Benedum Center, all interconnected by the Subway which will get you back to Jimmies.

By the November meeting, we must have your paid reservation. The unbelievable cost is only \$10.00 per person, which covers buffet, tax, and gratuity!

Dale Smith

The Prez Sez

A lot has happened since the last *Journal* went to press. Over 150 people and 30+ old cars of great variety cruised to Titusville with WPCC. The Drake Well Museum and exhibits were simply fascinating. It was difficult to believe that it all started right up the river from Pittsburgh. There was quite a bit of publicity in the Oil City

Derrick and the Titusville *Herald* before and after the cruise. Interest extended into Ohio and West Virginia, too, as three Corvair families from neighboring CORSA chapters joined in the fun. It was nice to see Isadore and Al Krouse from one of our northernmost WPCC families. WPCC gained a lot of respect on September 24th.



Then there was Hershey, my, my there was a lot of Hershey! Yes, Virginia, there was a full bus with a waiting list no less! Over 10,000 vendors, over 1800 show cars, and who knows how many cars for sale, simply blew our collective minds. I still can't believe what I witnessed! Dick Breier with help from Bill and Irene Artzberger pulled it off with flying colors. Please make an effort to thank them personally. Many of the people on the bus expressed their gratitude and respect for your club. I also have a feeling that many of them are already looking at the Corvair in a more favorable light.

These events were wonderful for WPCC and for our image, but neither would have been possible without the behind the scenes efforts of our dear, wonderful, and tireless treasurer, Irene Artsberger. Keeping track of the signups, cancellations, and the different pools of funds for these back to back blockbuster events is more than we should expect from anyone! Whether you participated in these events or not, please, in your

own way, express your gratitude to her for her devotion and for a job done very, very well.

Looking into the future now, keep signing up for the November 19th private tour of the Carnegie Museum. The Smiths have decided to drop the art tour and to add a second natural history tour. (Right on--bring on the dinosaurs). We're on a roll--let's make it three straight blockbusters!

The Hiebers and the Smiths have also found the perfect solution for the holiday party. No matter which side of town we choose for the party, it's the wrong side for three-fourths of the members, right? Not this year. The party will be in town! Absolutely brilliant! Remember we will not have a December or January meeting. The holiday party will double as the annual meeting, including the election of officers. You had better keep January 13th open or you may be writing the Prez Sez next year!!! Payment is due by the November meeting.

Judy Jones and Bob McCune will be providing treats at this meeting and



I will be showing the tape of the 1989 WPCC day at the drag strip. If someone can bring a fairly large screen TV, please give me a call prior to the meeting.

Last but far from

least, if you would like to serve as an officer or board member in 1990, please make it known to any of this year's officers.

Al Friend

The Titusville Trip ...a Saga

"Grandma, are you sure you're going to be warm enough...it's only 30 degrees? "Yes, I'll be fine; let's go."

On the way to Cranberry Mall the convertible got colder and colder. Fortunately we didn't have to scrape ice from the inside of the windshield. About three miles from the exit off of I79 the car phone rings.

"hello? Hello? HELLO? HELLO?" I hang up. I can't hear anything over the thunder of the exhaust. It rings again; this time I pull over. It's my dad. "WHAT DO YOU WANT?", I yelled. "I just wanted to see

where you were." "I'M ALMOST TO THE TURNOFF OF 79!" "O.K. just checking...we'll catch up later, bye." "BYE."

A brown van pulls over in front of us on the berm. (Oh God, what kind of kook is this?) Wait, I know this guy...it's...it's Al Knoll! He recognized my Corvair from the Fairmont car show and thought I was in trouble. "No, I'm fine", I told him and we both got rolling again.

We arrive at Cranberry Mall and spot this mass of colorful vintage tin and join the group. My heart is pounding already. I peel the crys-



tallized blanket off of my grandmother's legs and she gets a cup of coffee at King's. A while later, Al Friend is giving directions a la bullhorn. We exchange a few laughs and we're on our way. "Grandma, are you sure you're going to be warm enough; the Smiths have offered to let you ride with them in their car. IT has a heater. I won't be upset if you do." "No, when I go somewhere with someone I stay with them. I'm fine."

Now we're back on 79 and last in line after getting caught at a traffic signal and the Corvairs I'm following are going 70 mph? "GRANDMA, IF THESE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO RUN LIKE THIS ALL THE WAY, I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN KEEP UP THIS SPEED!" We catch up with some car that looks like a Model A or something and we slow to a reasonable cruising speed. Now my heart is really beating hard. All these water pumpers are coming up behind be gawking. Wait 'til they see what I'm following.

I was so excited to be a part of this crew that I actually had to remind myself to breathe! (Or was it the cold?)

Anyway, after I got straightened around in Franklin, things were looking up. and up. and up. All the way up 417 my car was pinging and the Smiths were being asphyxiated behind me. I cussed out the car.

But when we got to the Drake Well Park I forgot about my blue fingers and my black exhaust. There were cars all over the place. BEE-YOO-TIFUL cars. There was the Smiths' 61 Lakewood, Isadore's blue convertible, Artzbergers' Tiger and Corsa convertible, a blue 60 Corvair coupe from Cleveland, Vaun's Lakewood, the Gundlachs' 'new' 66 convertible, Al's Corvair, and John and Dolly Lantz' white Corvair from Ohio. There was a black 53 Jaguar, a maroon 41 Cadillac, a maroon Jaguar, a taupe 32 V12 Lincoln, a blue Rolls Royce, a turquoise Model T, a green Buick, an orange Datsun Z, a 59 white Impala convertible, a 56 Olds, and a black 48 Chevy. There was a white Buick, a black 35 Chevy, a red and a blue Chevy, a red Thunderbird, and my stinking (literally) late convertible.

It had warmed up a



little by now and the sun was shining so I photographed that mass from every vantage point I could find (and nearly broke my back doing it).

I had been to the Museum before so I opted to be a parking lot attendant.

The train ride at noon through the valley was fantastic. The tour guides were very entertaining and informative. (Irene Artzberger gets a raise soon--you ask her about her 25 cents a day allowance.)

After the train ride we milled around to appreciate each other's cars.

Later, some club members met at the Horn-o-Plenty restaurant for a wonderful spread.

I had to head home after the train trip and passed up the dinner. My family and I left the Park together. At the bottom of the "pinging" hill, I stopped, disgusted. My dad pulled my mom's Caddy over, too. My dad gave the distributor on my Corvair a good swift twist and we were on our way. The sun was shining on our faces and warming us. And even though the temperature was still straining

to reach 50 degrees, we were warm inside. It had been a great day.

Back on 179 the old Corvair was humming along at about 70 mph and the valves were not arguing with me any more. "The timing WAS off", I thought. The 500 cubic inch Caddy was just lumbering along behind, patiently.

We drove into the sunset and listened to the rumble of the exhaust and the rushing of the air as it squeezed through the gaps between the glass and the rubber. I love this car, I thought, even though it is a pain sometimes. Grandma spoke up. "Those are really nice people in your car club. I see why you spend so much time with your Corvairs. It's nice to have nice people to do things with like that." I replied, "Yeah, grandma, that's why I'm in this club. They're regular people and they will help you out without giving it a second thought."

After about five more miles I got to say for the last time, "NO, GRANDMA, I AM NOT PUTTING THE TOP DOWN!"

Laurie Maglietta

The November tech session will be given by WPCC member, Rich Panizza. The topic will be motor oil.



Corvair Society of America

Founded in 1969 by and for those who still appreciate the Corvair Automobile
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Membership Application

NEXT MEETING

OCTOBER 24

First Name _____

- 26 month membership50
- *1 year Canadian membership28
- *26 month Canadian membership56
- *1 year overseas membership38
- *26 month overseas membership76
- Museum Fund Donation min. \$1
- Racing Fund Donation min \$1

The club would like to extend a special thanks to Vaun Hamlin for his auto maintenance tech session at the last meeting. The meeting date was also his wedding anniversary. . . . thanks also to Charlotte for letting Vaun be

Please make check or money order payable to CORSA, Inc. # 60445-0550. There may be a four to six week delay before you receive our speaker!

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. FOR SALE: Two 1965 Corvairs, one for parts, one restored. FOR SALE: 1963 Corvair spyder. white/red int.
3. Second car is a blue Rest less than 2000 mi. on just
4. Monza, auto, 60K, fair Pre-rebuilt motor. \$1000.
5. cond, make offer. Homer a year? Wayne Gile. RD 1 Box 405 Boone, 122 Edith St, State idy work? Adrian, PA 16210. (412)
6. College, PA, (814) idy work? 545-9668
7. 238-5586 (This ad was accompanied by Polaroid photos of the car. The car has been hit since "restoration" but the pictures do not show the damaged side. The CORSA IC photos and description of the car will be at the next two meetings if you're interested.)
8. What do you hope to gain from membership in CORSA? (Technical information, social information, etc.) _____

Enclosed is a current list of the CORSA chapters (over 120 throughout the USA) I write the so that we can help you find the chapter nearest you.

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