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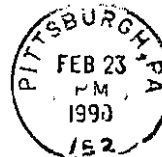
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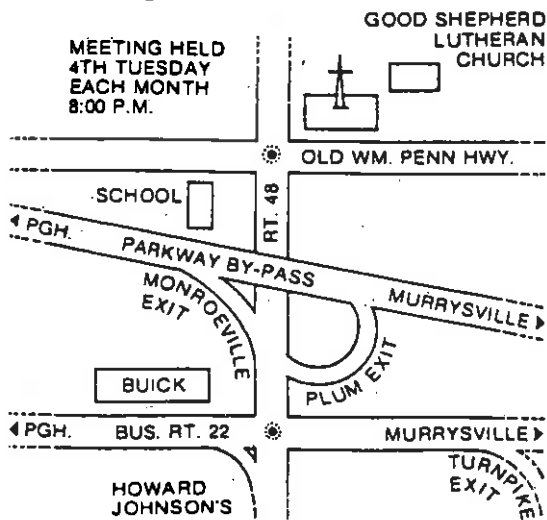
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**THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB WANTS YOU!!
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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 Vaire" 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 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 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, 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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 CORSA Member? Yes No. # Corvaires owned, yr., model _____
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 Other information: _____

**MINUTES OF WPCC MEETING
JANUARY 13, 1990**

1989 officers present: president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer.
 1989 board members present: Bob Hieber, Dick Breier, Ray Horn, Dan Baker, and Wayne Jones.

The secretary's report was approved as written. The treasurer's report was approved as given.

1989 Financial Statement

Income	Expenses
Membership.....\$718.00	Rent.....350.00
Donation.....5.00	Legis. Council.....135.00
Catalogue Profit.....12.00	Printing.....260.91
Parades.....250.00	Postage.....268.35
Wranches.....8.00	Post Cards.....3.75
Patches.....14.00	Kennywood.....37.50
Titusville Profit...129.00	Check book.....20.00
Hershey Profit.....163.11	Total.....1075.51
Ad in Journal.....2.00	Balance Dec. 1988...362.35
50/50 drawing.....86.50	Net income 1989.....312.10
Total.....1387.61	
	Balance Dec. 1989...674.45
Income.....1387.61	
Expenses.....1075.51	
Balance.....312.10	

The meeting lasted approximately ten minutes and was very informal. The following items were mentioned.

The Prez Sez

Al Friend spoke about the Johnstown Flood Museum trip he would like to plan.

Don Ross announced he had purchased a rampside pickup.

The Hiebers and Smiths were thanked for the Holiday Party.

Irene Artzberger was announced as the member of the year.

Nominations for officers were opened. As there was no opposition, the nominations were closed. Ne-

Officers are: President, Laurie Maglietta; Vice-President, Jay Smith; Secretary, Marie Dandois; and Treasurer, Irene Artzberger.

The gavel was passed to the new president.

The 1990 board members were appointed. Your 1990 board consists of: Bob Donnelly, Al Friend, Vaun Hamlin, Bob Hieber, Wayne Jones, Ken Maglietta, and Dale Smith.

The meeting was adjourned and everyone began dinner.

PRESIDENT.....LAURIE MAGLIETTA.....228-4632
VICE PRESIDENT.....JAY SMITH.....563-4047
SECRETARY.....MARIE DANDOIS.....726-5606
TREASURER.....IRENE ARTZBERGER.....364-6842

The member of the year award for 1989 was presented at the Holiday Party to Irene Artzberger, our devoted Treasurer. Irene kept track of the reservations and payments for the trips we made last year and took care of membership dues and cards. She has also compiled a list of those who attended the Titusville event so that we can contact those people in the future when our bigger events are finalized. When presented with her honor, Irene joked and said she and Bill enjoyed their trip to Hawaii and would like to do it again in 1990! We thank Irene for taking care of us especially when it seemed as though the money would never come in.

Greetings from the oval mess. That is the assumed shape of the clippings, glue balls, paper shreds, tractor feed paper edges, x-acto blades, photographs, and the hand-written scribbles (thank you, Dale) when I put together your Vair Street Journal. Please notice I wrote "your." You'll have a quiz on that later.

I'm taking this opportunity to tell you a little about myself: who I am, what WFCC means to me, how I got involved, what my plans are, and what I expect from my constituents. Whoa, you say. What does this Broad think she's doing? O.K. Before you freak out... here goes:

My name is Laurie Maglietta. Laurie rhymes with sorry and Maglietta sounds like this--(mag-lee-etta) or (mall-yetta) if you want to say it the Italian way. I am a teacher somewhere between 25 and 30 years of age and the eldest of 3 children and the only girl of nine grandchildren. My father took me to races when I was still wearing diapers and by the age of seven I was tool jockey in Dad's garage.

My great grandmother drove a blue 1965 Corvair Monza Coupe with a 4-speed similar to the one I drive today. Grandma Parthenia turned 93 this year on Valentine's Day and can still recount stories of outrunning police and taking me to dance halls in that old Corvair. Needless to say, I have 30 weight in my veins.

Having always helped dad with the mechanical and body repairs, I decided I wanted an old car of my own. My first choice was a 1964 Falcon Sprint, but if I bought a Falcon my father said I'd be living in it. He found a maroon Corvair convertible for me with no motor. Dad, brothers and I put a motor in and I decided to join the Corvair club I had heard about (WFCC).

I needed the club. I knew nothing about Corvairs. I joined, found out how nice and helpful everyone was, and decided to stay. So here I am. The maroon car has passed on to another enthused teen-ager, and I have two more Corvairs about which I am as just as excited as the first. **Why am I still here?**

My brothers would say the reason is I'm a gear-head or piston-head. That's partly true...When Vaun and Al

tried to let me believe the Drags were off this year, I was flabbergasted. Fortunately, they were only kidding. When Bob Hieber and I ran our Corvairs in the Steel Town Corvette Club's autocross and at the Drags I was in seventh heaven. I do not advocate hot-rodding in the street, though I am truly guilty of "feeling the need for speed" now and again; so I'm very glad WPCC has these moving events. Just last year I wrote about my excitement during the trip to Titusville. For me, getting there is half the fun!

The other reason I'm still a member (and this is where you should take notes) is the people with whom I share the love of Corvairs. They're just fine people, what more can I say? As an officer of this club, I am proud to represent the organization known as the Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club. This year the club may be participating in a new roadway maintenance project with the Pa. Department of Transportation. WPCC is getting more and more favorable publicity all of the time. That is a good thing as long as we remain a strong club.

Yes, there is strength in numbers, and I ask that you simply carry an extra *Vair Street Journal* in your car and stick it under the wiper of the Corvair that you park next to at the grocery store. Now these people will know the club exists.

There exists also the issue of participation in club events. When there is heavy participation we are strong. But I refuse to preach. Ask yourself this: What do I want from the club? What have they done for me? After you answer yourself, remember this...Ask not what your club can do for you, but what you can do for your club. Give a little, get a little. Get it?

Last year when I was elected secretary, I was nervous, but holding office turned out to be fun. In March, when Vaun and I went to Hershey to attend the Legislative Council of Motor Vehicles of Pa., Vaun told me that within two or three years I'd probably end up being V-P or president of WPCC. I laughed. Now look. I guess it is just time I did the giving.

Now, lastly, before I bore you to sleep; do you remember I said I'd quiz you at the end? I am still the lowly newsletter editor and printer. This is your newsletter!! What do I have to do to get articles from

you?! I get a steady stream of material from three people in this club. Make up a poem! Send me a picture of your family...maybe your dog driving your Corvair. I don't care! Write how you got started with Corvairs! Send me a tech tip you've discovered! Write down all the funny things you've heard people say about your car! Write down all the funny things you've heard people say about your wife! I don't care! And forget what I said in the beginning about hand-written scribbles, that's a long-running joke I have with Dale. Remember, I'm a teacher. I can decipher any handwriting. This time I'm begging you to give a little.

Ciao,
Laurie Maglietta

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I can also be reached at (412) 228-4632 most any weekday evening. Go ahead and leave a message on the machine if you need to and no one answers the phone. **If this is your newsletter, I need your input.

If you have ideas for tech sessions or would like to do one yourself, give Jay Smith a call before 9:00 PM. He is looking for a few good speakers.

The tech session at the February meeting will be given by Terry Evans, owner of Five Star Tire. The topic will be a comparison and contrast of different types of tires.

Refreshments for the February meeting will be provided by **Jan Fabyonic and Carole Friend**. (Yes, Jan, I will remember the cakes. -Laurie.)

At the February meeting will be a sign-up sheet for monthly meeting refreshments. Volunteers are responsible for only one meeting, so why not make this year yours for helping out in a small but very important way.

Please find a copy of the February 8, 1990 issue of *OLD CARS WEEKLY*. On pages 60 and 61 you will find a very interesting article entitled "The real Corvair Story" written by none other than **Bill Artzberger!** Talk about Corvair exposure!! Congratulations, **Bill**.

And on page 7 of *Automotive Service Association*, is an article authored by WPC member **Vaun L. Hamlin, Jr.** In his article, Vaun urges members of the Pennsylvania Automotive Service Association to attend the ASA National Leadership Conference in Houston, Texas.

...And to quote a quote from Vaun's article, "Education is never a bad investment." Congratulations on his accomplishments go to **Doug Breier**, son of WPC members **Dick and Carol Breier**.



DEAN'S LIST - Douglas Breier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Breier of Mt. Lebanon, has been named to the Dean's List at Miami University of Ohio with a 4.0 average. He has also been named in the Presidents List of Distinguished Undergraduate Scholars. He is a 1986 graduate of Mt. Lebanon High School. Upon graduation in May, he will take a position with Deloitte & Touche in Pittsburgh.

The Gato Holiday Party by Al Friend

"What a fantastic location for our holiday party in January. Up Over Jimmie's was all it was cracked up to be, and then some! The place has character; I mean lots of character!"

You arrive downtown, park in the garage suggested by **Dale Smith**, walk across the Boulevard of the Allies, and there it is. First, you see Jimmie's Pizza Parlor across the street, then you notice Jimmie's Bar and Grill, then you finally see a door that reads, "Up Over Jimmie's."

(Inside) "Do you believe this long, narrow, creaky staircase? Gee, I feel like I just stepped out of a time capsule into prohibition. Uh-oh. Another door. Should I knock and say 'Joe sent me?' Is this really the location of the WPCC Holiday Party?" So you open the door slowly and there, before you stands **Dale Smith** with a drink in his hand. Obviously this is the place!

Off to the right stands a small bar that hasn't changed since the speakeasy days, and there sit **Mike and Marlene Moran**. "What? They don't have green beer in Janu-

ary?" "Will you stay anyway?" Far to the right you can hear the clatter of pots and pans, and oh, the wonderful aroma of a great meal in the making. Over to the left are tables and a whole bunch of Corvair friends are there already.

This drink will loosen me up as more members find the place; best of all, quite a few newer members also arrive. The party is a success for sure now. Would you believe 46 people are here?! Look over there--last year's events are on that T.V. screen in the middle of the room. Let's go over and listen in on the conversation. "Wow, look at those Vairs run that quarter-mile! Is that really **Bill Artzberger** in his Model A lining up against a Porsche? Now I've seen everything."

...Damn. **Bill** lost again!!

"Boy were you lucky to beat me last year, you turkey; but it doesn't matter 'cause I'm gonna hammer you good this year!"

Ab, yes, things are warming up nicely.

Say, where did the wives go? I should have known--off to the down-

town department stores. Well, if they don't get back in time for dinner, that's just more for the rest of us. (The girls do get back in time.) "Yes, honey, I did miss you! I did so know you left! Hope you didn't buy anything... Oh, I'm glad it was on sale and that you saved me a lot of money!"

Look, they're setting up the buffet--better get in line before Wayne Jones and John Sweet get it all! This isn't a meal; it's a feast! (Is that really John Gundlach's fourth plate-full?)

"Don't you feed that boy

at home, Gayle?" How can they do this for \$10 a head?

Boy am I glad to give this gavel to Laurie, but wow, was 1989 fun. Being prez is easy when you're blessed with hard-working officers and members; the V-P and his family even did the the holiday party! Thanks to all of you for a very rewarding year of Corvair-ing. Congratulations to the 1990 officers and especially to Laurie Maglietta, our very first lady prez. I need another drink! If you weren't here, you missed a good one!

The 1990 Calendar of events is similar to last year's. I must remind you that the dates are subject to change because they are announced so far in advance. The monthly newsletter will have a calendar in it so you will be apprised of any changes.

I am surprised to learn how many club members do not actually read their newsletters. Read it. You never know when something has come up or an event has been announced in the middle of the year.

The tentative calendar is on the reverse side of the set calendar. Remember, parades and picnics may be added during the year so keep your calendar handy and write on it. An event chairperson's name will appear after the event. And as always, the upcoming events will be written up in detail in the Journal before the event occurs.

1990 dues are due now.
Membership still costs
only \$10.00 per family.
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meeting. This may be
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NEXT MEETING
FEBRUARY 27

Since this is the thirtieth anniversary of the 1960 Corvairs, I would like to print some articles about the '60 Corvairs. I know there are people out there with tons of information about the early cars. I prefer late myself and do not have very much information about earlyies. Help me out. I don't mean to slight those of you who prefer earlyies! Perhaps you bought a Corvair in 1960 and can tell what it was like to drive such a unique vehicle at that time.