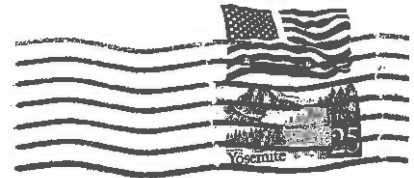
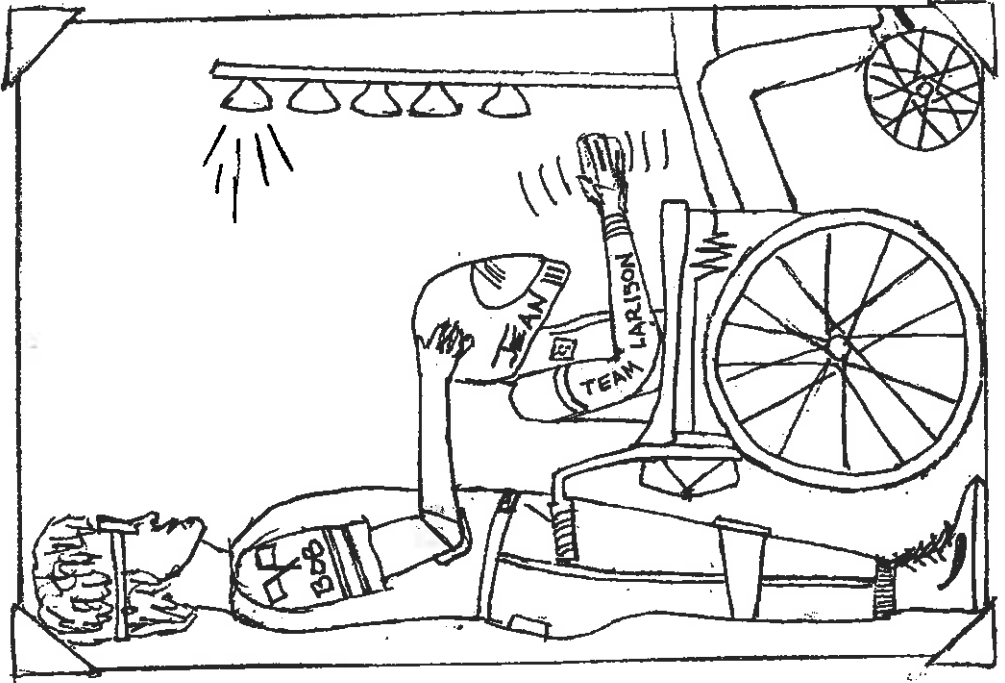


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WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

"SNAPSHOT FROM 1990 DRAGS"

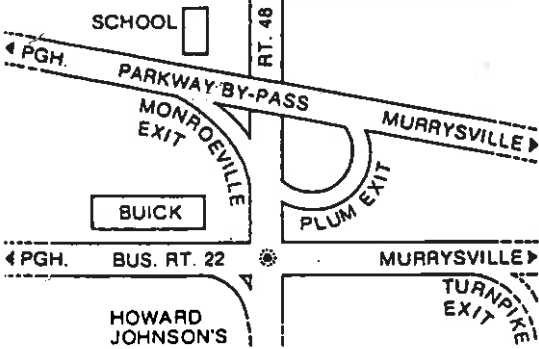


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Western PA. Corvaair Club
634 Arden Lane
Pittsburgh, PA 15243

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

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Friend
3677 Forbes Trail
Murrysville Pa 15668

THE EASTERN 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.

J. DALE SMITH
 634 ARDEN LANE
 PITTSBURGH, PA
 15243

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 22

1990 officers president, secretary, and treasurer. 1990 board members present: Al Friend, Vaughn Hamlin, Ken Maglietta, and Bob Hieber.

The treasurer's report was accepted as read. As of this meeting, we have 64 members. The secretary's report was accepted as printed.

Old Business

Laurie Maglietta described the Loyalty Day Parade. There were eight Corvaire, Bill's Model A, and a Thunderbird driven by Ray Horn.

on May 19. There was a variety of Corvaire but not much in the way of parts.

Bill Artzberger gave a brief report on the Rod Runners at Scott Twp. Park. WPCC made a good show with six Corvaire.

Bill Artzberger went to Studebaker's night club in Robinson Town Center looking for some cars for the Vintage Grand Prix.

Marie and Dick Dandois attended the Corvaire show in Frederick, MD

Bill would like to have cars in the special interest group and antique and classic group. If you would like to enter, Bill has applications.

New Business

The date for the Crafton Parade has been changed to Saturday, June 30. The parade starts at 12 noon. The location is the same as before. We would like to get at least ten cars there.

Laurie gave a brief report on last year's Hillbilly Hullabaloo. This year's event is June 16 and 17 in Fairmont, WV.

The Drags are on Sunday, May 27. Al Friend gave a description of the

event. He has sent letters to everyone that he could think of that might be interested in it. Bring a picnic lunch.

The Pittsburgh Parts-Rama will be held in Butler on June 17.

There is a Super Chevy Show at Star Chevrolet on Rt. 30 in Greensburg on June 24. It is limited to 1955-1972 Chevrolets. All cars must be pre-registered. Call 1-800-362-7827 or 834-6100. Entrance fee is \$5.00 and there is a 50 car limit.

Al gave an update on the Johnstown event. Al was really impressed with the movie. He also

say the end of the Flood Museum movie. Our buffet lunch will cost approx. \$8.25.

Dave Fabyonic won the State Association quilt raffle.

Rich Dandois informed the club that Swiss Glass is available at World Wide Auto Parts, and Trader Horn, Indiana.

TGI Friday's would like to have a car show once a month. If your club participates, you get a free breakfast or brunch. See Bill A.

Someone is making macrame lawn chairs with Chevrolet symbols, Corvairs, or Corvettes.

Canonsburg 4th of July Parade

The 1990 Canonsburg Area July Fourth Parade will begin promptly at 10:00 AM on July 4, 1990. We are requested to be in Oscar Smith's Locksmith's Road (the usual spot) no later than 9:00 AM. All roads leading into and out of Canonsburg will be closed after that time with only restricted traffic. WPCC will receive \$50.00 reimbursement for our "transportation expenses."

We have been notified that no more than five Corvairs should be in our unit because of the length of the parade. If you would like to participate in this event, see Laurie Maglietta at the June 26 club meeting or call me at 228-4632 ASAP. Once five cars are committed to the Canonsburg Parade, everyone else can go the Brentwood Parade scheduled for the same day (also netting the club \$50.00).

Laurie Maglietta

Crafton Days Parade

Again this year we have been asked to participate in the Crafton Days Parade. This year's parade is scheduled for **Saturday, June 30 at 12:00 noon**. I have promised at least 10 cars for which we will receive \$50.00 for our club.

I will have a map for the June 26 club meeting and detailed direction are given in this month's Journal. Following the parade, we will meet as a group at King's Restaurant located at I-79, Rte 60 exit for refreshments.

Please come on out and show off your Corvaair. I guarantee good weather.

Bob Hieber

DIRECTIONS TO CRAFTON PARADE

(Be at Bradford Avenue 11:00 to 11:30 AM, Sat., June 30)

1. Exit I-79 at Crafton-Moon Run (exit 16)
2. Proceed South on Rte. 60 approx 2 miles, crossing the Thornburg Bridge.
3. Bear right at the southern end of the bridge onto West Stuben St.
4. Bear shallow right onto W. Stuben St. **Do not make a sharp right** into the industrial park of onto the small road next to it; Stuben St. is the wide two-lane road.
5. Turn right off W. Stuben St. onto West Crafton Ave. and proceed about 3 blocks and turn onto Noble Ave. Noble Ave. will intersect Bradford Ave--the parade location. There will be someone to direct you to the line up point.
6. Don't worry about getting lost. This is the biggest event in Crafton and anyone you talk to after crossing the Thornburg Bridge will be able to direct you to the parade route.



BRENTWOOD 4TH OF JULY COMMITTEE



BRENTWOOD FOURTH OF JULY PARADE
AND 75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

DATE: Wednesday July 4, 1990

ASSEMBLY TIME: 9:15 a.m.

PLACE OF ASSEMBLY: Corner of Brownsville Road and Sankey Avenue

PARADE KICK-OFF TIME: 10:00 a.m. SHARP!

PARADE ROUTE: From Sankey Avenue along Brownsville Road to
Brentwood-Whitehall Shopping Center

Johnstown Flood Museum Tour

The August event is really shaping up and I am getting very excited about it. About 90% has been finalized and everything should be set in stone by meeting night. Here is the probable agenda.

1. An 8:00 AM departure from Bob Evans in Irwin, PA.
2. Cruise to the Johnstown Flood National Memorial.
3. A self-guided tour of the visitors center.
4. An unbelievable movie at the visitors center.
5. A skit by rangers in 19th century costume.
6. A half-hour guided walk to the abutment of the broken dam.
7. Cruise to downtown Johnstown.
8. Tour the Johnstown Flood Museum.
9. The Oscar-winning documentary movie of the flood.
10. A guided walking tour of the downtown landmarks.
11. A ride to the top of the world's steepest incline.
12. A delicious luncheon buffet at the new and spectacular Incline Station Restaurant.
13. A guided walking tour of the historic Westmont area.
14. A ride to the bottom of the world's steepest incline.

I hope you are as excited as Carole and I are about this cruise. Please spread the word and get the touring Corvair in shape.

Al Friend

Visit Johnstown's Inclined Plane!

Thousands of visitors from around the world have visited the famous Johnstown Inclined Plane, the steepest vehicular incline in the world.

Car Show Hopping with the Gundlachs

New Bethlehem had their 1st car show on Sunday, May 27. John and I took our 1966 blue Corva. It was the only Corvair in the show of about 50 cars. We took second place. We were beaten by a beautiful black Shelby Mustang. After the show, we drove two blocks to visit Izzie and Shirley Krouse. They had just arrived home from a trip to Ohio. Both are doing just fine. Shirley brought out photos of their first grandchild, Ross James, who was born last fall. Izzie and Shirley plan to get down to our August event.

On Sunday, June 3rd, we went to the ALL GM SHOW at Irwin. Again we took the blue Corva. This time there were five Corvairs in the show of more than 100 cars. Don and Becky Ross were there in their 1961 Rampside. Joe Buffer had his '66. A '64 black convertible and a white '64 convertible were also entered. Our Corva took a second and Joe's took a second. The white convertible took a third. Three trophies out of five entries is great!! As an added bonus, during the trophy presentation, the announcer thanked the Pontiac-Oakland Club and the Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club. At the same moment and quite by accident, Don Ross drove his Rampside with the WPCC logo on the side past the audience. Don got a round of applause...it was really perfect timing! Thanks, Don!



WPCC Gayle Gundlach

The 1990 WPCC Drags

Wow, talk about perfect timing! Roaring engines and screaming tires could be heard from the strip as our vagabond gaggle of eight varied Corvairs, seven odd-ball water-pumpers, and one wheelchair (Jean Larison) entered the Keystone Raceway. Suddenly, there was silence! It seemed that someone (not a 'Vair) had leaked oil on the track, and thus, a temporary halt in racing.

The track announcer, who loves Corvairs, now had the unenviable task of entertaining the crowd while the cleanup crew did their thing. What a break for him - as racing stops, a Corvair parade begins, including the Maglietta's convertible on a trailer just like the real dragsters!

He calmly begins to describe each 'Vair in vivid detail and with amazing accuracy. Thousands of eyes turned toward the 'Vair parade to be educated. We all held our breath as the Smith's Corvair wagon came into sight. What will he call it - a Nomad, or perhaps a

Land Rover? Wonder of wonders, he called it, of all things, a Lakewood!!

We figured he was really in trouble when Don and Becky's pickup came over the crest of the hill. Here it comes - a Corvair Reconline, or S-10, or 18 wheeler!! Wow, he called it a Ramp-side!! We should make this guy an honorary WPCC member!!

What a perfect beginning to our day of fun - this can't last - look at those dark clouds. Yes, it's going to rain and spoil everything! After all, prior to "WPCC Sunday at the drags", it had been 9 out of 10 Sunday rain-outs at Keystone. Right? Wrong!! The rains never came.

It did turn out to be a long day, however, as several more racing delays to clean up after oil-leaking water-pumpers. We did eventually get in two time-trials, and finally a very late-in-the-day eliminator began. It was very exciting, and the final came down to the two oddest of our gaggle. Ken

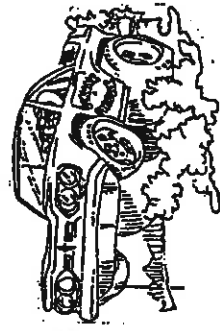
Maglietta's monster V-8 powered '78 Jeep CJ and Don Ross' '61 Rampside piloted by Bob Hieber. Needless to say, the Rampside got a huge head start and we were all on our feet screaming as the quadratrac monster just caught and passed the Rampside at the finish line!

All in all, it was a great day of racing fun with a great bunch of folks. Isn't it wonderful to collect old cars that can run with new ones or look beautiful in car shows? Why would anyone collect anything else?

This was actually our best showing of Corvairs ever for this event. Here is the 1990 lineup: Bill and Irene Artzberger, '69 Corvair conv.; the Mag-

lietta, '67 Corvair conv, '65 Corvair cpe, '78 Jeep CJ; the Smiths, '61 Lakewood, '63 Corvair cpe.; Wait and Boots Baldinger, '65 Corvair sedan; Don and Becky Ross, '61 Rampside (the crowd favorite); Dave Rabyonic, '73 Mercedes; Al Friend, '66 Corvair cpe.; Bob and Jean Larison, wheelchair division; Greg and Barb Green, '66 Chevelle SS (Bob and Jean's daughter and son-in-law); Bob Hieber and brother Bill and son Chris, Bob drove the Rampside; Terry (Merrill Lynch), '88 Thunderbird; and other cars racing with us were '85 Ferrari, '87 Corvette, and a Volvo.

Thank you all for a super day. Hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.
Al Friend



ON THE COVER: "TEAM LARISON" PILOT & DRIVER
BOB & JEAN LARISON IN THEIR '90 SHOVELLE SS TURBO

NEXT MEETING JUNE 26

CAR HAPPENINGS

"Cruisin' Linden Grove" at Linden Grove Restaurant and Lounge. 1100 Grove Road, Castle Shannon every Sunday at 3:00 until midnight (weather permitting).

"2nd Annual Batey Chevy-GEO Oldies Car and Truck Show" Sunday, July 29. Parts swap meet 10:00 AM till 4:30 PM. Refreshments, balloons for kids, prize drawing every hour. Carnegie. 923-1230 or 279-2300.

"Cruisers in the Park" presented by Cecil Parks and Recreation Saturday, June 30, 5 to 10 PM. Cecil Park, Cecil, PA. Free admission, free 50's dance, prize for best 50's costume. no alcoholic beverages please! 745-2227 or 745-2228 Janet or 745-9835 Bill. Bring your own picnic and blanket.

"Barnesboro Sixth Annual Auto Show" July 8 Hope Fire Co. Antique, Classic, and Street Rod and Truck. Buffet Styly Turkey Dinner, 12:00 - ? Sponsored by the Blair County Antique Auto Club. Send pre-registration \$4.00 to Howdy Eckenrod, 937 W. High St. Ebensburg, PA

"Antique Custom and Classic Car Show" sponsored by Fayette Cty. American Red Cross. Sunday, July 8 Penn State Fayette Campus Rt. 119 North of Uniontown. Call Corky Johnston 439-6047 or 438-0309.

Tech Tip

Fresh air damper leaking through? If the seal material that extends beyond the damper is still present but separated, or almost separated from the material sandwiched between the damper halves, it may be possible to reduce the draft.

Use "Permatex blue RTV Silicone Gasket Maker" or similar to reattach seal material that has separated to the material sandwiched between the

damper halves or to re-inforce areas that are almost separated.

This fix was used on our '67 4-door after one-and-a-half years it still looks good and it sure reduced the wild chill factor! I still have not gotten around to ordering a repair kit. Incidentally, Corvair Underground has damper seal repair kits.

Dick Dandois

Prez Sez

(1) WPC has three parades on schedule -- the Crafton parade on June 30, and the Canonsburg and Brentwood Fourth of July Parades. There are to be 6 cars at the Canonsburg Parade and 12 cars at the Brentwood parade. I may have to work but my car will be at the Canonsburg and Crafton parades. WPC needs your support here. Come out and show off your Corvair!

(2) I'd also like to remind you of the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix July 15-22. Bill Artzberger would like to have us provide security for the Car Show on Saturday, July 21.

(3) In addition, please see the ad for the All Chevy Show on September 9. The Corvairs will be a "special attraction" and there will be at least three classes and trophies will be awarded. There will be a Corvair club cruise and dinner afterward arranged by Dale, Ellen, and Jay Smith and Bob Donnelly.

(4) In lieu of a tech session this month, Ellen Smith will conduct "Nader Nickel Nite". You'll have to come to see just what exactly this is! Ellen and I are providing refreshments.

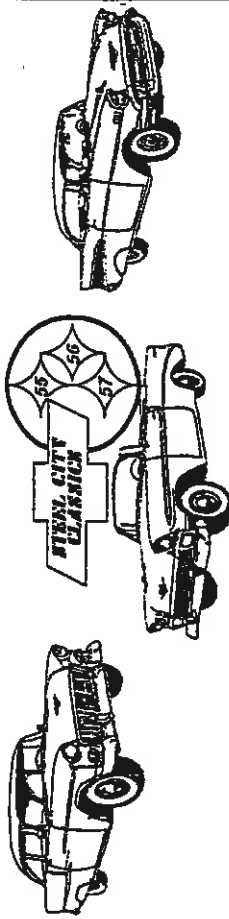
(5) I think whatever Al Friend has is contagious...the excitement about the Johnstown trip, I mean. Look at his article in this newsletter; the schedule is jam-packed full of interesting things to see and do. Plan to attend and bring a friend.

Laurie Maglietta

The 8th Annual Race Week
July 15-22

PITTSBURGH
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GRAND PRIX





ALL CHEVY SHOW

Sunday, September 9, 1990
 Hills Dept. Store Parking Lot - Century III In West Mifflin
 Registration 8:30 am - 1:00 pm
 Registration Fee \$5.00

SPECIAL ATTRACTION
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 at LEAST three (3) classes, depending
 on preregistration

PREREGISTER by July 31, 1990

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 Trophies awarded for each age category

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For Information Call:
 (412) 563-4047
 (412) 561-0770

All Chevy Show Registration

Registration # _____

Name _____ Year _____

Address _____ Model _____

Stock Mod

Phone _____

Steel City Classics Member? Yes No

Hillbilly Hullobaloo '90

This year's weather and program were the best yet for this now renowned event! Saturday was magnificent and Sunday even better!

The poker run on Saturday was a long 110 miles through the natural beauty of West Virginia. Scenery and blue sky abounded. This event was won by our own Paul and Peggy Bernard. Congratulations.

The picnic was great other than we all overate - hotdogs, watermelon, and all the goodies.

Sunday's show had magnificent vehicles from the Ohio clubs that provided a treat to behold. Our own Bill Artzberger won late modified and the rest of us were "also there." The quality of the cars now coming to the event is fantastic.

Also attending from WPC: Bernard -late coupe, Cekus -late coupe, Dandois -late convertible, Smith -early coupe, Sweet -parts vendor.

Dick Dandois and Jay Smith tried all weekend to edge each other out for the hard luck trophy (I wasn't aware this was one you should compete for). At any rate, Dick Dandois finally won - he started things off by side-swiping a rock - the slit rear tire did it. HE WON!

Peggy Bernard's door prize was a beautiful handmade rug. Hopefully she'll bring it for you all to see.

Strange isn't it...we are the closest to West Virginia and we could only muster five cars. Scratch strange, make that SAD.

Dale Smith

Corvair Classified

WANTED: USED HARMONIC BALANCERS THAT NEED REBUILDING. I NEED AT LEAST TEN TO MAKE THE PROJECT MONETARILY WORTH-WHILE. NEW ONES ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE. REBUILT ONES ARE NOW OVER \$100.00. I CAN REBUILD YOURS FOR MUCH LESS! BUT I NEED TEN BECAUSE OF MINIMUM AMOUNT OF MATERIAL THAT CAN BE PURCHASED. BRING YOURS TO THE NEXT MEETING OR BRING IT TO MY HOME. BILL ARTZBERGER.

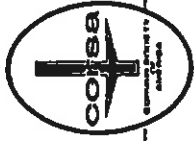
IS YOUR CORVAIR STILL PINGING? MAYBE YOU HAVE THE WRONG DISTRIBUTOR. PERHAPS IT WAS REPLACED BY A FORMER OWNER. I HAVE A COMPLETE LIST THAT PAIRS THE PROPER DISTRIBUTOR WITH THE PROPER ENGINE. ALSO AVAILABLE IS A COMPLETE LIST OF CYLINDER HEAD NUMBERS THAT PAIR WITH YOUR ENGINE BLOCK. SEND ME A SASE AND I WILL MAIL THIS LITTLE KNOWN INFORMATION TO YOU. BILL ARTZBERGER. 305 GOLF DRIVE, PITTSBURGH, PA. 15229.

ATTENTION: FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE GOING TO DO SOME EXTENSIVE TRAVELING THIS SUMMER... I HAVE OUR CLUB'S "CORVAIR CARE PACKAGE" THAT CONSISTS OF ALL THE SPARE PARTS YOU MAY NEED WHILE ON THE ROAD. DON'T LEAVE TOWN WITHOUT IT! BILL ARTZBERGER.

ATTENTION: IRENE AND I INTEND TO GO TO THE DAS AWKSCHT FESCHT IN MACUNGIE, PA ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 4 AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 5. (AS OPPOSED TO GOING TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION) AND WE ARE INVITING YOUR COMPANY... YOU MUST DECIDE NOW IN ORDER TO MAKE YOUR MOTEL RESERVATIONS. PHONE ME TODAY!!!! BILL ARTZBERGER 364-6842.

FOR SALE: '65 Monza coupe, Camaro wheels, air scoop, needs speedo cable, have spare bucket seats, interior nice, extra parts, needs little body work. \$1,000 Don Ross 242-9947

FOR SALE: '61 Lakewood wagon, southern car, insp. thru 5/91. Dale 563-4047.



Corvair Society of America

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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.

- How did you hear about CORSA? _____
 - What is your primary interest in Corvairs? (Transportation, restoration, etc.) _____
 - How many Corvairs do you have? Running _____ Restorable _____ Parts cars _____
 - Are you a long time owner? _____ First time owner? _____ Previous owner who has reacquired a Corvair? _____
 - Approximately how many Corvair-miles do you drive in a year? _____
 - Do you do your own mechanical work? _____ Body work? _____ Major _____ Minor _____
 - What other cars do you own or use for daily transportation? _____
 - 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 your Directors if you have additional questions or suggestions.