

# THE VAIR STREET JOURNAL

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

SEPTEMBER 1990

## Win some,

"We have to go on record and say that the Corvair is—in our opinion—the most important new car of the entire crop of '65 models, and the most beautiful car to appear in this country since before World War II."

Car and Driver

"On tight corners, the '65 Corvair will hold its own with anything on the road."

Hot Rod

"We'd feed the Corvair into the turn with increasing force on the steering wheel, applying as much power as was available, and come scorching out the other end of the curve without so much as a tailwag."

Car Life

"In the '65 Corvair, the superfluous has been stripped away from a classic form and the result is a clean, beautiful car. The new Corvair's styling is going to attract most people—it's an obvious selling point. Its hidden virtue, handling, will soon become apparent to—and much appreciated by—the enthusiast driver."

Car and Driver

"Not counting the Corvette, Corvair has the closest thing to performance handling characteristics you'll find on this side of the ocean, with no sacrifice in ride qualities."

Motor Trend

"On test runs at GM's Michigan proving grounds the Corsa started and stopped with no dipping, and it cornered—even at wild speeds—with smooth intent and no sign of sway."

Sports Illustrated

"If the automotive enthusiasts loved Corvair in 1964, the '65 will drive 'em clean out of their minds."

Car and Driver

"The result of all this is a new American sports car that will be eminently acceptable at rallies but that can, in the American manner, double at church picnics."

Sports Illustrated

## lose some.

"We personally . . . feel that the hood looks a trifle short."

Car and Driver



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

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

GOOD SHEPHERD  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH



OLD WM. PENN HWY.

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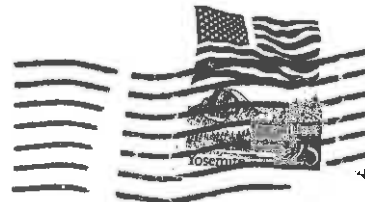
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MURRYSVILLE

HOWARD  
JOHNSON'S

TURNPIKE  
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AL & CAROLE FRIEND  
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MURRYSVILLE PA 15669

## 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 Vaie" 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 Communicates."

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 Corvaire, 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. # Corvaire owned, yr., model \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by \_\_\_\_\_ Amount paid \_\_\_\_\_ Other car clubs \_\_\_\_\_

Other information: \_\_\_\_\_

## MINUTES OF WPCC MEETING AUGUST 28, 1990

1990 officers present: president, secretary, and treasurer.

Hieber, Dale Smith, and Wayne Jones.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$881.64.

1990 board members present: Al Friend, Bob Donnelly, Vaun Hamlin, Bob

New member attending: Sparky Allison.

### Old Business

Dale Smith talked about the Adopt-A-Highway Program. He brought the contract for signatures of participants. WPCC has been assigned a two-mile section of the Parkway East from the Squirrel Hill Tunnel to Pittsburgh. Dick Breier has secured the bus for the October 13 trip to Hershey, Pa. Departure is from the Allegheny County Airport at 8:00 A.M.

Lights at Oglebay Park, West Virginia.

Al Friend thanked everyone who helped make the Johnstown event such a success.

Dale Smith talked about the All-Chevy Show on Sept. 9 at Century III Mall.

Don Ross and Bill Brill told about their involvement in the Unsolved Mysteries episode, "UFO". Several WPCC members' cars were used during filming.

Bob Heiber announced the final plans for the tour of the Festival of

### New Business

Dale Smith told of a choral program being presented at Carnegie Museum on December 9. Each ethnic group in the Pittsburgh area will be represented. The cost for the tickets is only \$3. Interested parties should contact Dale or Ellen Smith at 563-4047.

Regulation about tire size and accessory lights was brought up.

### Dear Mr. Dear Sir

You are cordially invited to the **Oglebay Festival of Lights Tour and Buffet** on November 11, 1990.

Please join us in the parking lot by 2:30 to get organized. Our rate is based on a group tour rate so we must enter as a group.

Our tour begins at 3:00 P.M. sharp at the Museum. Then we go on to the Garden Center at 4:15, the Wilson Lodge Buffet at 5:00, and the Festival of Lights at 6:00.

If you arrive early, you may want to see these additional attractions. The International Winterfest at the Zoo's Main Building which features Around the World Traditions, Miniature Trains, and Laser Lights to Music. For these, allow yourself 1 1/2 hours. The Festival of Trees in the Pine Room takes one hour. The Christmas Shop, adjacent to Hamm Grill, takes about one hour.

#### OGLEBAY RESERVATION FORM

due by October 18, 1990

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

_____ # adults	(\$15.00)		
_____ # kids 1 - 5 yrs.	(\$8.00)		
_____ # kids 6 - 12 yrs.	(12.00)	TOTAL \$	_____

\* Rates are for group tour so BE ON TIME!!

Send reservation form and check for total amount to:

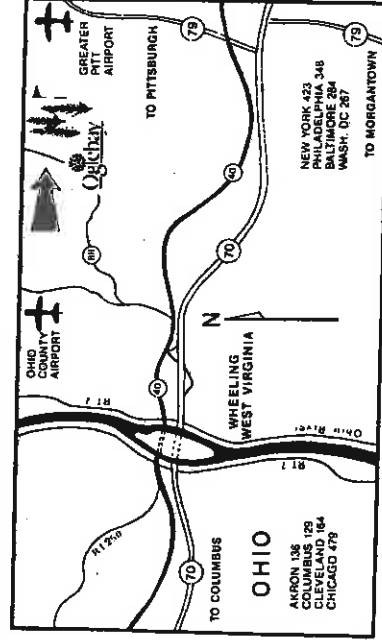
DONNA HIEBER  
 1679 BROADHEAD RD.  
 CORAOPOLIS, PA 15108  
 (412) 457-9712



WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

### Location

Oglebay is conveniently located on State Route 88 North, two miles from the Oglebay Exit off Interstate 70. We are just 10 minutes from downtown Victorian Wheeling.



### Steel City Classics 1990 All-Chevy Show Results

I have never seen so many WPCC EARLIES turn out for an event! WPCC could've filled two auto transports on September 9 at Century III mall.

The Steel City Classics Car Show was a tremendous success. The mid-morning rain provided enough water to rinse away the road dust, the parking lot debris, and to nearly wash away several cars. (Just kidding.)

By judging time, the clouds had been chased away by the defending old car spirits.

Winners in the Closed Corvair class were: 1st - Bill Brill's '62 sedan, 2nd - Dave Moore's '64 coupe, and 3rd - Josh Cross, '63 coupe. Winners in the Open Corvair class were: 1st - John Tyger's '63 convertible, 2nd - Terry Poe's '63 convertible, and 3rd - Dave Lovejoy's '65 convertible. Winners in the Modified Corvair class were: 1st - Bill Artzberger's '69 convertible and 2nd - Jay Smith's '63 coupe. Best of Show Trophy was awarded

to Don Ross for his '62 Rampside.

The beautiful hand-made trophies were donated by Dale Smith.

Other Corvairs in attendance were the Smiths' two Lakewoods (upon one of which I had the prized privilege of using a chamois!) and Bob Donnelly's early convertible and late coupe.

On display at the show were a Corvair engine prepared by Bob Cross and various labelled engine parts prepared by Bob Hieber. Thanks to these two club members for a very informative and attention-gathering display. After the show and awards presentation WPCC members cruised to Linden Grove Restaurant for good food and good times.

I would like to personally thank Dale Smith and Bob Donnelly for coordinating the Corvair show with Steel City Classics.

Laurie Maglietta

P.S. You can go back to sleeping nights, Dale!

### Macungie August Festival

Dick and I decided to go to the August Festival which is held in Macungie, Pa, near Allentown.

On August 2, (the festival was held August 3, 4, and 5!) Dick looked at the maps and laid out several routes. On August 3 after work, we drove to Williamsport, Pa. and spent the night with Dick's Aunt Grace.

On August 4, we got up a 6:00 A.M. and headed for Macungie. We stopped outside of Macungie for brunch. Going into the town of Macungie we were in a long, slow line. A signal light was responsible for holding up the traffic. A cop working the light would have improved the traffic flow.

We ended up parking in a field but shuttle busses were provided free of charge to take us to the car show.

We saw a lot of lovely old cars. It seems unbelievable that there are so many restored antique cars around. There were six or eight nice Corvairs on display, too.

We walked miles through the flea market. It was a nice day but a bit too hot. The heat really got to us.

We found one item that we were looking for --a chrome wheel well moulding, so it really made our trip worthwhile. We left about 2:30 and headed for Ottsville, Pa., where we visited with friends that we hadn't seen for 30 years, but keep in touch with at Christmas. I met Ann and Roland Hall when I first started teaching in the Buck County area. We had a delicious supper, saw Ann's studio and paintings and had an enjoyable visit together. They bought an old farmhouse and have done a great job of restoring it. We spent the night with them, had breakfast, and planned to head back to Macungie for the Corvair show. However, it was "raining in earnest" so we went back to Williamsport. Visibility was quite bad, and we saw a lot of cars pulled onto the berm.

We spent the afternoon and night with Dick's Aunt Grace. We even found a Corvair for sale with 39,000 miles. The price was \$800 but we could have had it for \$500 but the car was in really rough shape.

We headed back home on Monday.

Marie Dandois

## The Mechanics' Corner

Corvairs have certain peculiarities as we all know, one of which is front brakes that sometimes grab causing the steering wheel to pull to whichever side on which the brake is defective. After trying new lining and springs, I was told by an "old-timer" to sprinkle the lining liberally with household cleanser. I use COMET. I have driven the car for over 2500 miles with no recurrence.

Does your Corvair rattle under the front end? First check the bolt that goes through the lower end of your shock absorbers and through the "A" frame on the late model. If this is not loose, you have a more serious problem.

Next, place a jack under the "A" frame. Jack up the wheel enough to allow a long bar to be placed under the tire. Pull up on the bar and watch for play or looseness of the lower ball joint. If it seems to be o.k. the next step is to grab the wheel both on the bottom and at the top and check for play. If there is play, make sure it is not the wheel bearing.

Then check the upper ball joint. This is usually where the thumping noise comes from. Replace it.

Both upper and lower ball joints are becoming increasingly difficult to obtain. It would be to your benefit to obtain at least one of each while they are still available.

Speedometer cables need lubrication at least once every few years. It is very easy maintenance for anyone to do. Here's how:

Reach under the dash and loosen the knurled coupling from the rear of the speedometer. Looking into the end of that, you will discover a cable that remains inside of the metal sheath. Pull this thin flexible cable entirely from the sheath.

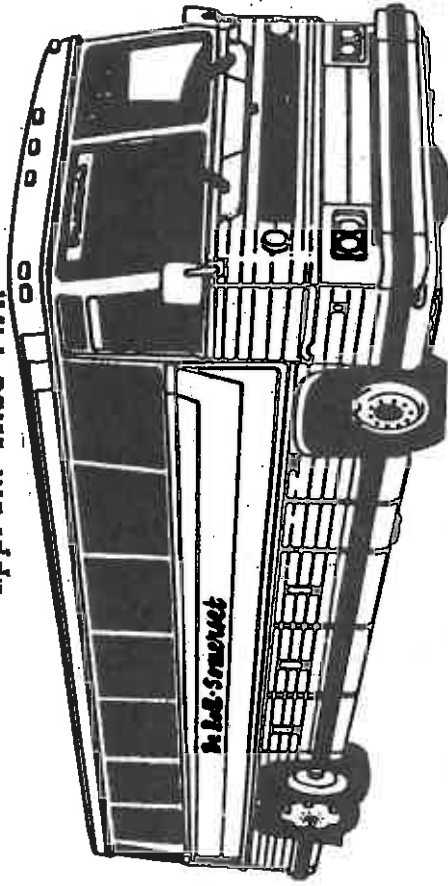
Use a grade of thin grease that will not be affected by extreme heat or cold. Grease the entire cable. Be careful not to allow dirt or other foreign material to attach itself to the grease. Slide the cable back into its sheath. (You may have to remove the grease cap that covers the left front wheel bearing to make sure the square end of the

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# HERSHEY BUS TRIP

## Saturday, October 13, 1990

Bus departs Allegheny County Airport at 2:00 A.M. for Hershey Car Show and Flea Market. Bus will arrive in Hershey at approx. 6:30 A.M. The bus will leave Hershey at approx. 6:00 P.M. We will arrive at Allegheny County Airport at approx. 11:30 P.M.



Cost is \$24.00 per person.

Mail check today to:  
WPCC

c/o Irene Artzberger  
305 Golf Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15229

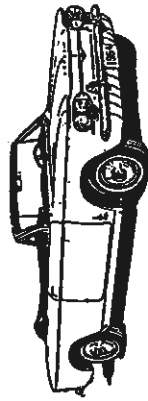
for more information call Dick Breier  
at 471-6984 or 563-4591.

## The Great Johnstown Flood Old Car Cruise

Thank-you, WPC, for a wonderful turnout. Thirty old cars, about half of those - Corvairs, turned out on a very foggy Sunday morning. A 1931 Chevy was the oldest and the furthest travelled was a 1960 Corvair from Cleveland, Ohio.

The foggy drive was a perfect prelude to the very high-impact movie at the National Memorial. Wow, what a movie! I am still shaken up from watching it. After the movie, we opened the door to go outside for the skit, and beautiful sunshine was everywhere. Roger Greg was interesting beyond belief. I couldn't take my eyes off of that broken dam.

The Oscar-winning



# NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 29

second movie was good but it didn't leave me shaking like the first one did. All of crowded onto that huge incline was a blast and the Incline Station Restaurant did a very good job. Nobody let us down. The local newspaper took pictures of the cars, but I haven't seen their article yet.

Many thanks to Irene Artzberger for collecting the money and keeping track of everybody. Thanks also to Lee Parker and Bill Artzberger for their help at the banquet.

As of now, Carole and I are brain dead, but in the calm of next winter we will probably dream up something similar for next year.

Al Friend

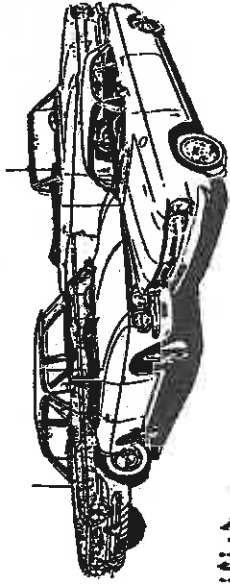
Refreshments are being provided this month by Gayle Gundlach and Jean Larison. Thank-you, Ladies!

... cable is reinserted into the wheel grease cap. That is what turns the cable.)

When the thin inner cable is returned to the metal sheath, you can screw the knurled coupling to the rear of the speedometer.

That was easy, wasn't it?

Bill Artzberger



## Corvair Classified

FOR SALE: 1968 Monza coupe, blue with blue interior. also have extra parts and all 1968 manuals. Make offer. John Cupp, Jr. 438-9001

I promised the owner of Linden Grove Restaurant to tell you of the Cruisers Appreciation Day. On Sunday, October 14, you are invited to Linden Grove Restaurant on rte. 88 in Castle Shannon to an appreciation dinner buffet. Cruise starts at 3 PM and dinner is available from 4 to 7 PM. Cost is 5.95 for adults and 3.95 for children. D.J. Ray will be playing oldies until past midnight.



Chevrolet Division of General Motors, Detroit, Michigan