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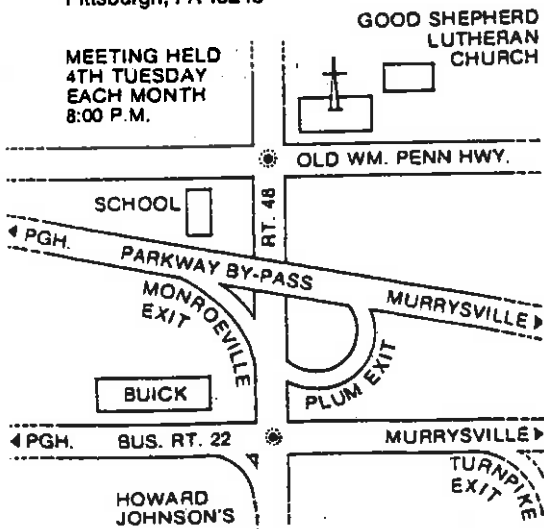
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THE EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB WANTS YOU!!
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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 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 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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 Address _____ Zip _____ Date _____
 CORSA Member? Yes No. # Corvaires owned, yr., model _____
 Recommended by _____ Amount paid _____ Other car clubs _____
 Other information: _____

In this issue...

In this issue, in addition to the usual current news and classifieds, you will find a pull-out 1991 events calendar and a WPCC roster. These pages are valuable to you. Rip them out and post them on the refrigerator or in a safer place if you can find one! Check the roster. Is your data correct and complete? Let me know.

Thanks to Al Friend and Dale Smith for their contributions to this month's newsletter. I also owe you two a public thanks for saving my posterior last month when I incorrectly placed the "NEXT MEETING JANUARY 22" notice in the newsletter. I apologize to the members for any inconvenience that error may have caused you. I guess I was just "psyched" for the upcoming Vairing year! (Picture this Polaroid moment. It is Saturday evening at 6:30. Dale, Brian Smith, and I had spent all morning cleaning at the Transportation Museum's new future site. Very fatigued, I said to Dale, "see ya Tuesday night." To which he replied, "What?" "Tuesday night, you know, the meeting!" I answered. "There's no meeting Tuesday night, that's what we did at the Holiday Party, remember?" I froze like a statue on his front lawn, put my hands to my face and said in a clear voice, "Oh, *%\$!" "What?" Dale asks in a sinking tone. "I already mailed the journal with a meeting notice in it." Dale, wearing a bovine expression asked, "This is a joke, right? You're pulling my leg...please tell me you're pulling my leg!" The scene that followed is rated PG13 so I'll not go into detail. Suffice it to say he handled the arrangements like the pro that he is and I am forever in his debt, or is it 'forever on his list'?

Laurie Maglietta

NEXT MEETING
FEBRUARY 28

Honest,
 I snear!

Don and Alice Schneider Say "Hi" to Everyone

Carole and I had the pleasure of meeting with old friends Don and Alice Schneider at their home in Ohio. They sent their regards to everyone in WPC. While at their home we purchased a "perfect" redone wire wheel for our "Cream-Puff's" spare. After having Gene Rising mount the original tire on it, the car will finally be complete, stock, and after 17 years, finished!! Amen!!

Their chapter "The Friends of the Corvair Club" is planning a very nice two-day event for the 5th and 6th of October. The event will include those wonderful Amish meals. Put this one on your calendar; it will be a good one. In the old days we were very close to this chapter, and supporting this event would really get things rolling again. We are talking a less than three hour drive from Pittsburgh.

Al Friend

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CLUB PR

WPCC has been invited by Steel City Classics to have a Club table at the upcoming, April 7, Swap Meet to be held at the South Park farm buildings. We have committed to having this table and staffing it for the purposes of furthering interest in the Corvair and, specifically, WPCC. At this point, we have commitments from Bob Donnelly, Bob Hieber, Laurie Maglietta and the Smith family to staff the table. If anyone has an idea for an eye-catching, easily handled display, or if anyone has such a display, please contact either Dale Smith or Bob Hieber at 561-0770.

Dale Smith

D Day 1991

WPCC's day at the drag strip is exactly three months away from the February meeting date. That doesn't really give you a lot of time to get the Vair in top form.

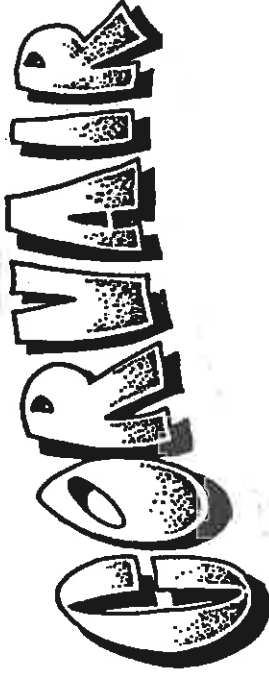
Let's promote this year's D-Day to all of our old car friends, since we won't be doing a major touring event this year. Talk it up -- the more variety of cars we have, the more fun we'll have. Memorial Day Sunday falls on May 26 this year, mark it on your calendar now.

Al Friend

*Would You Believe
15 Years Ago
in the Journal*

Al Thomas, manager of the Pittsburgh G.M. Training Center invited WPCC to have quarterly meetings in the center's auditorium. He also asked us to put on "one hell of a Corvair show" at the center in the spring. The Steel City Concourse seed was planted!! We were also busy planning a frost across covered bridge tour through the snowy mountains of Somerset County.

Al Friend



AN INVITATION

In late April, Herb and Gae Horn will be returning to the Pittsburgh area for a brief visit. They intend to be at our regularly scheduled meeting April 23. For those of you not familiar with the Horns, they were very active members during the early 80's. Herb Horn was designated "COOKIE MONSTER" for his ability to consume almost any type of cookie in great quantities.

April 21 we will be holding an Open House for the Horns at the Smith's, 634 Arden Lane, Mt. Lebanon, PA, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Naturally, cookies will be available. We would like to have all Corvair Club members feel free to drop by to renew the friendship:

Ray Horn

A Good Local Corvair Repairman

Bill Shepherd worked on my Vairs several times in the early 70's when he was employed by Watson's Chevrolet in Export, PA. I was very pleased with his work and his good attitude toward the Corvair.

He left Watson's and I lost track of him. Then about a month ago while trying to recruit a new member, his name came up. I called Bill, we talked, and he would be delighted to do any mechanical work on our Vairs. His card is reproduced here and I highly recommend him for any of your mechanical or tune-up problems. He's in your neighborhood also, Walt Matenkosky!! Get that van ready for the National!

Al Friend



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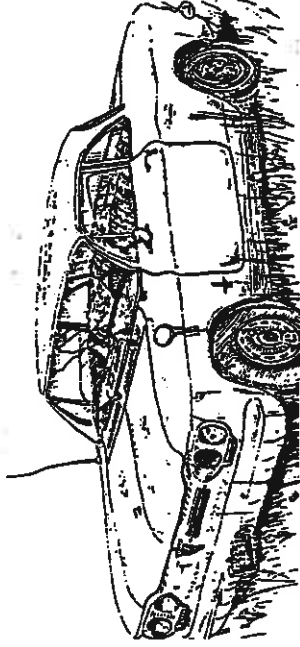
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TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM

We have now completed our third consecutive Saturday at the Transportation Museum and are looking forward with great expectation to the fourth. Our Club has undertaken a couple specific projects. We have successfully relocated a 1928 Mack fire truck, which was not all that easy considering the hose equipment had to come off to go through the gate, a tire was flat and it was only movable by pushing! We are now in the process of building a secure, lockable work shop.

Our leader, Bill Artzberger, has been faithfully joined by Dave Fabyonic; David, Jr.; Laurie Maglietta; Dale, Jay and Brian Smith. Behind the scenes, Ellen Smith has been providing home made cookies and fudge for the crew; and next week we will have a crockpot full of home made soup. Incidentally, as an aside, Herb Horn, the former "Cookie Monster" of the Club, had better not get in the way when Dave Fabyonic makes a move for a snickerdoodle! Vaun Hamlin and Don Ross have stopped by to offer well-needed suggestions. Our projects have been a lot of fun, as well as hard work. At some point, some of you might ask Dave about his encounter with the parking lot security guard. Any and all of you who wish to spend a part of your Saturday would be more than welcome. At this point, work at the Museum is like receiving new and different Christmas packages every week; but the packages are dirty! Dress warmly, bring work gloves and join us.

Dale Smith

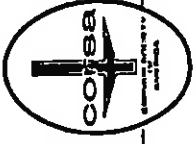
Awe Some Magazine is Back

Yes, AweSome Magazine will be back in 1991. This is the fantastic magazine that details all of the old car events in the tri-state area. Unfortunately, the former owners thought they could survive on \$6/year subscription prices and free ads. I'm sure the new owners will not be so foolish. I sent them a copy of our roster so you should all hear from them. Please, please, please subscribe! This is a very necessary publication for our hobby so support it so it doesn't fall again. We could be included in their car club listing for \$16/year, which I think would be a very valuable recruiting tool. Let's talk about it at the meeting.

Al Friend

The annual meeting of the Legislative Council of Motor Vehicle Clubs of Pennsylvania will be held on Sunday, March 17, 1991 at the Hershey Region AACA in Palmyra, PA. Vaun Hamlin and Laurie Maglietta are going. We need two more people to go. See one of us at the meeting or give Laurie a call at 228-4632.

The council's legislative advisor states that the Commonwealth's and Philadelphia's financial problems leave the door wide open for "new tax sources." We managed to survive 1990 without major legislation affecting our hobby but we must remain constantly vigilant. Become involved; make this trip with us.



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, Middletown, IL 60445-0550. There may be a four to six week delay before you receive your first "CORSA Communique".

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, 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.