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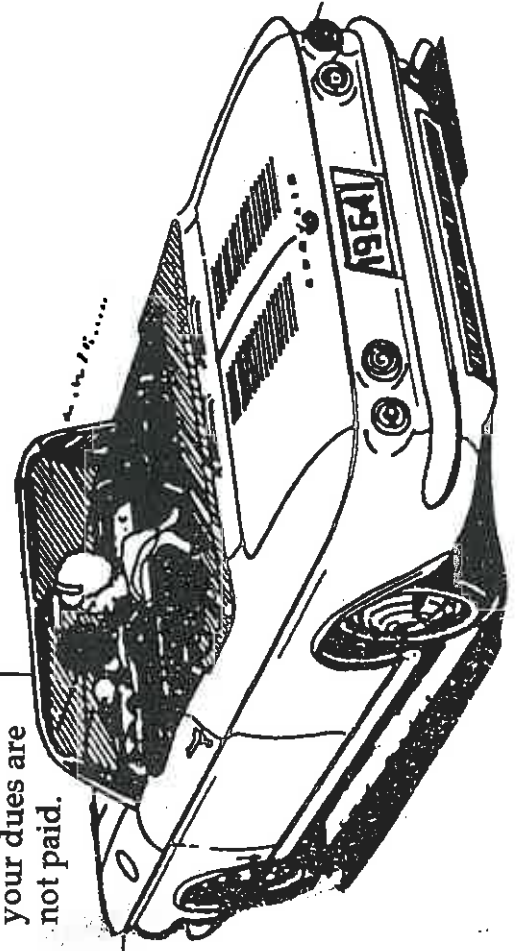
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

MARCH 1996

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* This means this is your last newsletter if your dues are not paid.



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Just for the record!

The Club is going to the drags again this year. Why don't you go and have some fun. Do you know that sheer speed does not win? Consistency takes home the trophy.

You don't want to drive? Come and cheer on your favorite. It's impossible for a warm-blooded person to go to the dragstrip, see the action, and not get excited. The latest Motor Trend Magazine has an article on a Techart Porsche 911 Carrera. It's a movin' piece of equipment that has 390 rear wheel horsepower (estimated by formula-468 engine horsepower). It will run the quarter mile in 12.3 seconds at 117.2 MPH.

"Lightning Express", the Corvair Lakewood made into a pickup, that ran the strips in 1966 through 1968 had a supercharged 155 cubic inch engine and ran 11.57 seconds at 125 MPH. During the three years in competition, it was undefeated in the C-Gas Supercharged Class. At Pittsburgh International Dragway, it came in the 'Top Ten' for the year. No other supercharged car did that in the existence of the strip.

I know--the Porsche can be driven on the street and the Corvair could not. The engine in the Porsche cost an additional \$33,000 and the car cost \$150,000--slightly more than the Corvair!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR, MAYBE PACK A LUNCH, COME AND HAVE FUN!!

Ellen, Jay and Brian and I would like to express our sincere thanks to the members of WPCC. Your support, friendship and love at the time of my dad's death was truly fantastic. Many of you came to the funeral home, and even more sent cards and letters. As I looked over the cards and the book from the funeral home, I kind of categorized people as to church friends, Masons, neighbors, casual friends, business associates and CAR people. The CAR people won hands down, even outshining our local church. We do appreciate your sympathies.

Dale Smith



PENNSYLVANIA MAPLE FESTIVAL'S
34th ANNUAL ANTIQUE AUTO SHOW



SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 1996

Location: Somerset County Fairgrounds, Meyersdale, PA
No License Plate Restrictions

No Weather Cancellations

Dash Plaques for the First 100 Registered

TROPHIES WILL NOT BE MAILED!

WINNERS MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE TROPHY

All vehicles must be at least 25 years old.

TENTATIVE CLASSES:

- Class 1 Model T Fords
- Class 2 Model A Fords
- Class 3 Antique Cars thru 1929 (except Class 1 and 2)
- Class 4 Antique Cars (1930-1934)
- Class 5 Antique Cars (1935-1939)
- Class 6 Antique Cars (1940-1950)
- Class 7 Antique Cars (1951-1955)
- Class 8 Antique Cars (1956-1960)
- Class 9 Antique Cars (1961-1965)
- Class 10 Antique Cars (1966-1971)
- Class 11 Antique Chevys (1955-1957)
- Class 12 2-Seat Sports Cars thru 1971
- Class 13 Commercial Vehicles thru 1971 (includes Pick-Ups)
- Class 14 Mustangs thru 1971

REGISTRATION: Somerset County Fairgrounds from 9:30 a.m.
(On 219 South, turn right at the American Legion and follow signs to fairgrounds; on 219 North, turn left at the American Legion and follow signs to fairgrounds.)

REGISTRATION FEE: \$6.00 in advance or \$7.00 the day of the show.

Subject to Judges' approval. Directors reserve the right to realign classes if necessary due to inclement weather.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Car Shows
PA Maple Festival
P.O. Box 222
Meyersdale, PA 15552
(814) 634-0213

PLEASE FILL OUT THE PRE-REGISTRATION FORM COMPLETELY. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE HAVE A COMPLETE ADDRESS (INCLUDING ZIP CODE) FOR FUTURE CAR SHOW INFORMATION.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____
(Street No., and Name or Box No.)

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

SS _____ MAKE OF CAR _____ YEAR _____

THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY by Al Friend

The Saturday December 9th holiday party at Paule's Lookout was a great success. The shrimp were big and juicy, and the many other hors d'oeuvres and the buffet were equally good. Unlike the 1994 party, I didn't arrange for any entertainment in the streets far below!!

Awards included: An engraved clock for John Gundlach in appreciation for his efforts as the 1995 president. The member of the year traveling trophy went to Wayne Jones for his tireless efforts in publishing and mailing the "Vair Street Journal" and for the fantastic overnight event to The Air Force Museum in Dayton. Ralph and Joanna Shearer were a close second for their wonderful Deep Creek Lake event.

The Chinese auction was a nice event, as always, with Laura Gundlach making several trips to the table to claim her prizes. Large wooden candlesticks seemed to be most popular. I believe they came from the woodworking shop of Wayne Jones.

The gift exchange, and re-exchange, heated up pretty good toward the end. Unusual goodies emerged this year, including an old fashioned pop corn popper, an antique washboard, and even rubberized road kill!! The most popular, however seemed to be a very cute Nutcracker.

Since participation came in short of 50 this year, we will be moving back into the smaller (and warmer) room for next years party.

THANK YOU 1995 OFFICERS AND BOARD FOR A SUPER YEAR OF VAIRING.

Dear Car Show Participant,

This year the Pennsylvania Maple Festival Board of Director's has decided to utilize the Somerset County Fairgrounds for many of our annual events. Some events being held at the fairgrounds are as follows: Civil War reenactors, hot air balloon rides, craft show, quilt show and possibly a carnival. Also, both the Street, Rod and Classic and Antique car shows will be held at the Somerset County Fairgrounds. There will be an admission fee to the fairgrounds but car show participants will not be charged an admission fee.

The Car Show registration will be held at the Somerset County Fairgrounds starting at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday April 21 and April 28. It is our hope that the judging will commence by 11 a.m. and awards handed out by 3:00 or 3:30 p.m. In past years, we were unable to close all of the town's streets until 12:30 p.m. This meant that our car show staff was under pressure to judge the cars, tally the results and present the awards at an appropriate time.

We are excited about the possibilities the utilization of the fairgrounds affords us. If rainy weather occurs, we will make every attempt to have all cars parked on macadem. Please note the directions to the Somerset County Fairgrounds included on the registration forms.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call our secretary at 814-634-0213 and she will contact the Car Show Directors.

Sincerely,

Jeff Irwin, D.D.S.
Doug Edwards

WPCC BOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 13, 1996

Officers present: Bob Hieber, Don Cekus, and Laurie Maglietta
Board members present: Pat Greenwald, John Gundlach, Wayne Jones,
and Steve Puskas.

No treasurer's report was given.

The following items were discussed:

* (Tentative) The Cekuses will chair a wine tasting dinner at The Pines restaurant for February.

* The meeting place for the March 26 full membership meeting will be King's restaurant at the intersection of I79 and Rt. 910 Wexford. The meeting will begin promptly at 8:00 P.M. Bob Hieber will make arrangements.

* John Gundlach will pursue a tour of an Amish carpenter's shop toward the end of March.

* A new club roster and phone chain will be created.

* Meyersdale trip date in April to be announced.

* Wayne Jones is responsible for finding a meeting location for the June full membership meeting. It will be held in the South Hills.

* Don Cekus will pursue a club visit to a Strasburg Museum in late June.

* WPCC is invited to the Brentwood, and Canonsburg July 4 parades again. Vaun Hamlin always does such a nice job of the picnic that we will ask him once again to chair that event.

* Regional mini-convention in Columbus, Ohio held July 31 - August 3. Steve Puskas will pursue a package deal for WPCC.

* A club goal is to bring more Corvairs to club events.

* John Gundlach will contact Gene Rising about an August club trip to the Kittanning area where Gene owns a camp.

* Bob and Donna Hieber will pursue a late September club trip to Wendell August Forge and other points of interest.

* The September 24 full membership meeting will be held at Hoss' Restaurant on Rt. 22.

* Steel City Classics car show on September 8 with Corvair class.

* (Tentative) Bob Hieber will chair a Halloween Party.

* The November 26 full membership meeting will be held in the airport area.

Minutes of WFOC Holiday Party/Meeting

December 9, 1995

Officers Present: President, John Gundlach; Vice President, Bob Hieber; Treasurer, Bill Brill; Secretary, Pat Greenwald.

Board Members Present: Dick Brier, Don Cekus, Al Friend, Wayne Jones.

The holiday party/meeting took place at Paule's Lookout with 38 people attending. After grab bag gift stacking, Chinese Auction table arranging and ticket selling, and pre-dinner hors d'oeuvre eating, the meeting was called to order.

After a blessing by Bob Hieber, all enjoyed a very good buffet dinner.

Following dinner, treasurer Bill Brill, reported a balance of \$2073.20 before the dinner tab was paid. There were no minutes that had not already been published.

Al Friend, in the name of the nominating committee, announced that the following members had accepted nomination as officers for 1996:

President...Bob Hieber	Vice President...Don Cekus
Treasurer...Bill Brill	Secretary.....Laurie Maglietta

Since there were no other nominations, the secretary cast the ballot electing the slate of officers.

John presented the "Member of the Year" trophy to Wayne Jones for all his hard work.

Bill Artzberger discussed the Tri Rivers Car Council and the benefits of joining. After a motion by Bill Brill and a second by Dave Fabyonic, the club voted unanimously to join. The cost is \$40. A volunteer was sought as a delegate to the Dec 12th meeting. John will call Vaun. If he can't attend, Dave will find someone or go himself.

Bill Brill announced that he is accepting 1996 dues..\$10.

John turned the meeting over to the 1996 president, Bob Hieber.

Bob requested board member volunteers. Those accepting were:

Pat Greenwald	John Gundlach	Steve Puskas
Don Baker	Bob Shearer	Wayne Jones (newsletter)

The date for the 1996 Holiday Party was announced as Saturday, Dec. 14th in the upstairs room of Paule's.

Bob stated that the next newsletter will include a membership application. He asked that everyone complete it so that we can update our records and publish the list.

Carole Friend presented a gift to John for his work as last year's president.

After the introduction of new members, Judy, Jan, and Pat conducted the Chinese Auction. This was followed by the gift grab bag handled by Al and Carole. With many getting into the gift swapping and re-swapping, the Nut Cracker, custom made key rack, and special wines passed through many hands.

SMICKSBURG AMISH COUNTRY TOUR

April 13th, we will meet at McDonald's at the Franklin Village Mall, intersection of Rt. 28 No. and 422, Kittanning, at 11:00 a.m., and then drive to Smicksburg Chocolate Shop. There we will enjoy the nostalgia, bulk chocolate, homemade fudge, candy making supplies, bulk foods, cook ware, dried fruits and herbs.

Then we will be off to The Weavers, Artisans Outlet and Weaving Studio. The walls are lined with an overwhelming supply of colors, and textures, of natural fibers waiting to become exquisite sweaters or blankets. You can watch the weavers working and ask questions. They also specialize in custom work and will be very happy to create an item for you.

Next we will go to "Thee Village Sampler". Here we will find nine rooms, each with a different theme - Thee Sweet Shoppe, Gourmet Food Shoppe, Thee Picture Gallery, Three Candle and Lace Place, Thee Wood and Wicker Room, and Thee Christmas Corner.

Next we will visit Mohoning Cheese Plant. Amish farmers bring their milk here to sell and be made into cheese. After the tour of the plant we can visit the cheese shop.

Lastly we will be off to the winery - Windgate Winery produces some of the finest wines ever made in Pennsylvania. They offer tours, wine tasting and sales.

Then we will drive to Kittanning and stop at Bonellos Steak House for dinner.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Sounds like John and Gayle Gundlack have planned a great outing. This will be WPC's first major event for '96. Let's put winter behind us and break into spring by **PARTICIPATING** in this event!

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PREZ SEZ

Here we are at the beginning of a new year. Let's look at some of the membership things to look forward to this year. First, and most important, is the membership questionnaire. **Please, please, please** fill it out and return it as soon as possible. The club roster is not up to date and your officers and board members all expressed a concern over our lack of good addresses, phone numbers, etc. This information will be put to good use communicating with our membership.

Next up is the subject of meetings, when and where. We have scheduled four full membership meetings, all on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

NORTH: Kings I-79 North at Rt. 910, Wexford.
March 26 - Meeting 8 pm - dinner 7 pm

SOUTH: Country Buffet - Rt. 51 - Southland Shopping Center
(Location may be changed due to times)
June 25 -

EAST: Hoss Rt. 22 - Murrysville
September 24 - Meeting 8 pm - dinner 7 pm

WEST: Hoss - Beaver Grade Rd - Moon Twp. off Business Rt. 60, old Airport.
Nov. 26. This meeting will be to review the past year's events and do tentative planning for 1997.

HOLIDAY PARTY: Paule's Lookout - **DECEMBER 14.**
Upstairs room - **LIMITED TO 35 PEOPLE, PLAN EARLY.**
Election of Officers.

Newsletters will be published the week prior to the meeting date. Please submit articles or news items by the second week of the month the meeting is being held in. ie, March Meeting is the 26th, have information to Wayne Jones by March 12. Simple, right?

There will be post cards and short notices published throughout the year at appropriate times. Contact Wayne at 882-2109 if you have any questions.

That's enough for now, let's see more Corvairs at all events, isn't that the reason for our club's existence?

Bob Hieber

NOTE: PLEASE... try to make the meetings for dinner. The restaurants are giving us the space to hold our meetings, and we should support them with our patronage.