

THE MAY 4th PENNSYLVANIA MOUNTAIN TOUR / Al Friend

May 4th dawned clear but quite cold for May. Twenty-one cars, mostly old cars, including four Vairs, climbed and twisted their way through the frosty Laurel Highlands. It was great to see WPCC and AACA people getting to know each other at lunch and at the attractions. AACA people seem to know a lot about Corvairs, and quite a few were former owners.

WPCC participants included Prez. Don & Mary Ellen Cekus, Jack & Alice Clark, Pat & Julie Gaudiose, Al Friend (Carole was taking care of choosing drapes for the new house), Secretary Laurie Maglietta, V. Prez. Steve Puskas, and Ralph & Joanna Shearer. Soon to be new members Jim & Suzanne Heatherington were also in attendance. They just purchased Bob McCune's late model Monza coupe.

The movie at the Johnstown Flood Memorial was dramatic. It puts you right in the flood and you wonder how anyone survived it. Greg Zaborowski entertained us with his folk tales and songs in the warmth of the auditorium. I would like to personally thank all of the folks who purchased his CD, 'Murder on the Ridge'.

The mountain Scenery was beautiful along the mostly back roads, and became spectacular in several places enroute to the Lake Raystown Resort. The late spring kept the leaves from blocking our view!

Good food and entertainment at the resort were followed by Mendi Miller, marketing manager who told us all about the resort. Next, Al Terek of AACA told us about the 1999 Founders Tour.

The finale was a stop at the Allegheny Portage Railroad - the first built across the mountains. After it's completion in 1834 you could travel between Pittsburgh and Philadelphia in only FOUR days! Prior, it took 24 days. The exhibits were very interesting and educational.

I hope everyone enjoyed the day.

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WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB / MAY 1997

RACE DAY EXCITEMENT

SUNDAY

MAY 25, 1997

158 WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB
564 Somerville Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15243



My drive from Altoona on this overcast, cool day was uneventful. As I was registering my car, Don & Mary Ellen Cekus arrived with Linda & Willa Falcattoni. We parked, wiped the cars and proceeded to the Pancake House for some excellent Maple syrup. Males went to the park, females to check out the shops. Along came the rain causing us to retreat, close up the cars, & then look at some fine, rarely seen cars at the show. Richard & Marie Dandoise showed their '66 low mileage coupe that is for sale. A couple early Corvairs were on display also.

We then hopped on a bus to town where we observed a couple in a Model T getting soaked as they moved out. Boy, I didn't realize a Model T could travel that fast. In town, we met up with the women and opted to head back to the fair where we tried various jellies and to listen to some Civil War music, then headed home.

On the way, we stopped for dinner but I had one final challenge. After struggling with a car that stopped running every time I stopped, I pondered over what the problem might be just to discover a loose nut on the points. Oh, well!

I wonder if 1998 Sugar Maple Festival will be kind and give us a pleasant, nice, dry day? Are you up to the challenge? We've got a year to decide.

Stephen T. Puskas

Participant or observer, you can't but have fun at this challenging, entertaining, fast paced day at-

You are invited to participate or observe the biggest, baddest, fastest event in Western Pennsylvania.

Location- Keystone Raceway, New Alexandria, Route 22 E.
We will meet in the lot behind the Corner Restaurant at the intersection of Route 22 and Route 981 at 11 AM, and proceed to the dragstrip as a group.

Are you racing? If you have a helmet, bring it. Long pants are required for driver / passenger if you have one. Remove all loose objects from the passenger compartment. Trim rings, hub caps, wheel covers, etc. must be removed prior to tech inspection. There will be many people who can answer your questions.

Food and soft drinks are available on sight. You may also bring your own but no alcoholic beverages permitted / strictly enforced!!!

If you are not a racer (or pretending to be one), it's great fun to just watch. Load up the car and the cost is just \$15.00 per car whether you watch or race. An exciting day of cheap entertainment.

ANY QUESTION?

You may call Bob Hieber or
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After a busy day, you may wish to join the group at HOT ROD'S CAFE on Route 22 near the track where you'll hear all the stories of 'Why I lost'.

THE DRAGS