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THIS ISSUE IS DEDICATED TO THE 50+ MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT RENEWED THEIR 1977 MEMBERSHIPS. ★

PLEASE READ ABOUT OUR 1977 ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES, INCLUDING A TRICE PER YEAR \$1 TUNE - UP AND OVERALL INSPECTION FOR YOUR CORVAIR!! IT WOULD ALSO BE APPROPRIATE TO POINT OUT THAT ROME WAS NOT BUILT IN A DAY!! CONSIDERING THE SMALL NUMBER OF MEMBERS WHO ARE DOING MOST OF THE WORK FOR THE CLUB, I THINK THAT WE ARE PROGRESSING RAPIDLY, AND COULD BE A GREAT CLUB WITH JUST A LITTLE HELP AND PARTICIPATION FROM A LOT OF MEMBERS!! IT ALSO HURTS TO KNOW THAT OUR NEWSLETTER (16 hours of work per month) ISN'T WORTH 50¢ PER MONTH TO OVER 50 OF OUR MEMBERS.

MAKE YOUR \$6 CHECK PAYABLE TO: W.P.C.G. AND MAIL TO: Mrs. Carolyn Sullivan
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THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARED IN THE FEB. 77 NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH HILLS SPORTS CAR CLUB AND CERTAINLY FITS OUR SITUATION WITH OUR BIG CONCOURS ONLY TWO MEETINGS A-YEAR.

WHAT KIND ARE YOU?

Are you an active member — the kind that would be missed,
Or are you just contented that your name be on the list?
Do you attend the meetings, and mingle with the flock,
Or do you just stay home and criticize and knock?
Do you take an active part to help the work along,
Or are you satisfied to be one to just belong?
Do you ever voluntarily help at the guiding stick?
Or leave the work to just a few, and talk about the clique?
Come out to the meeting, and help with hand and head,
Don't be just a member, take an active part instead.
Think this over, member, you know right from wrong,
Are you an active member? Do you really belong?

April, 1977

2. 1977 W.P.C.C. CALENDAR OF EVENTS. WANT TO HELP? CHAIRMEN & PHONE NUMBERS PROVIDED!! HAVE AN IDEA? LET'S ADD IT TO THE CALENDAR!!
- APRIL - \$1 tune-up and inspection, Devereaux Chevrolet in Freeport, April 17, firm date. Wayne Jones & John Costantino Co-chairmen. 882-2109.
(act state inspection)
- MAY - Ohio and Maryland mini-conventions, complete list later in newsletter, we need much more participation here. Call Al Friend 325-2588. HELP!!
- ★ JUNE - W.P.C.C. Concours, June 4 & 5, firm dates, need everyone! Al Friend chairman. 325-2588.
- Also - A Joint autocross with C & T sports Car Club, Dave Fabyonic chairman. 327-7361.
- JULY - Gymkhana, fun day, & picnic at the Butler Fair Grounds, other clubs will be invited. July 17, firm date, Bill Artberger chairman. 364-6842.
- AUGUST - W.P.C.C. Corvair day at the drags, New Alexandria, Ia. Other Corvair Clubs will be invited. Ben Rawson Chairman. 823-4714.
- Also - Corvair Convoy - Ride the East Broad Top steam Railroad, Jerry Hamill Chairman 741-4225.
- SEPTEMBER - W.P.C.C. Autocross Clinic, Dave Fabyonic chairman. 327-7361
- OCTOBER - Corvair Convoy - Enjoy Old Economy Villiage and the famous Octoberfest. Wayne & Judy Jones co-chairmen.
- NOVEMBER - \$1 tune-up and inspection, probably at Devereaux Chevrolet in McKeesport, Wayne Jones chairman. 882-2109
- DECEMBER - Christmas party and dinner, probably at "The Plug & Piston", Al Friend chairman 325-2588.

Some of the above dates are firm and should be marked on your calendar while it is fresh in your mind. We need help with all of the above, and those phone numbers were printed to be used! It sure would be nice to see some new names on new events that could still be added to this years activities!!

2. APRIL MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE SHERATON ON THE MALL IN MONROEVILLE
APRIL 14 8 PM

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the meeting site boiled down to a choice between Devies and the Inn. Since a good turnout is absolutely imperative at this meeting, your officers and board voted to spend \$25 for a meeting room at the Inn. (Half price). We will discuss the details at the meeting.

Would you believe, the Corvair Club meeting will be held in the "Plymouth" room. It will be marked, at 8 P.M. April 14. Park in a group in the auxiliary lot, behind the Inn, and take a good look at the actual site of the show. If possible, arrive between 6:30 and 7:00 and have dinner with the gang. See you in the bar or lobby, and let's go to dinner around 7.

This is the next to last meeting before the show, and a good turnout is critical! All committees and job assignments must be filled at this meeting. We will also tour the possible sites for exhibits etc. You will meet Terry Sowa, of the Sheraton, who has been working with us.

A special feature of this tech. session will be a fiber glass demonstration by Bates Murphy, and Judy Jones will show you gals how to alter the Corvair T-shirts so they look nice and feminine.

April, 1977

3. WE ARE GOING TO MAKE OUR OWN STANCHIONS

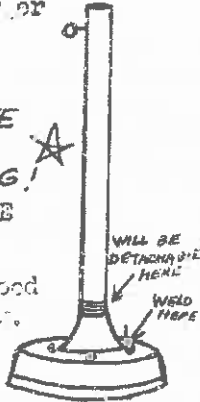
You know, rope stands. We need them for roping off the concours and flea market areas. Bill & Jim Artzberger will weld them, and Dave Fabyonic will spray paint them.

WE NEED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

★ OLD BRAKE DRUMS } **BRING THESE**
★ 1/2" PIPE FLANGES } **ITEMS TO**
WE ALREADY HAVE: } **THE MEETING!** ★

ABOUT 60, 2 ft. GALVANIZED PIPE

These stanchions will look very good and we must have them for the show. We need at least 30 drums, so lock around, and wire brush them, if you have time. BRING THEM TO THIS MEETING!



3.
THANKS TO THE FINE NEWSLETTER
OF CORSA, WEST OF LOS ANGELES.
RICK BASHFORD, EDITOR

4. UPCOMING MINI-CONVENTIONS

We should try to support all of these fun filled events. These people all supported our show last year and I'm sure they will again this year. I've listed the WPCO members who are planning or thinking about attending these events. Let me know your plans and we will organize caravans. Here is a chance to really help the club while having a great weekend. Do your part - we need a lot of help here. We also need someone to sell T-shirts and bumper stickers at these events.

April 28 & May 1 - Tri-State Corvairs 2nd Annual Spring Meet & Concours. Bryan, Ohio. For info: phone (419) 636-3637. Tri-State Corvair Club is the home club for the Zenobia Shriners group. Let's send a few cars over to their Spring Meet.

May 14-15 - Freestate Corvair Affair. sponsored by the Corvair Clubs of Maryland, Columbia, Maryland. For info: Send \$1 to Freestate Corvair Affair, P.O. Box 204, Columbia, Md. 21045. Bill Schmiedlin and Al Friend, tentative.

May 21-22 - Vacationland Corvairs, Ohio Meet. At Bill Beatty Chevrolet in Huron, Ohio. Info: Jim Sapienza, 2903 Hinde Lane, Sandusky, Ohio 44870. Bob Smith, definite; Jim Artzberger, Sandy Burrows, Dick Braier & Denny Hamill, all tentative.

May 27-29 - Friends of Corvair, Spring Mini-Convention, Kent State University. Info: Send S.A.S. business envelope to: Velma Kletz, 7239 Holzhauser Rd., Northfield, Ohio 44067. REMINDER: RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN BY MAY 1. Definite: Bill Artzberger, Bob Smith, Jay Weitzel, Dave Fabyonic, Ivan Clever, Al Friend, Wayne Jones. Perhaps: Jim Artzberger, Sandy Burrows, Walt Moore, Ron McNeish, Denny Hamill.

July 28-31 - National Convention, Minneapolis, Minn. Info: Lee Dahlberg, 5819 Clingon Ave. S., Minneapolis, Mn. 55419. Perhaps: Walt Moore, Al Friend.

5. W.P.C.C. Corvairs to be displayed in Eastland Mall, May 1-7, and Monroeville Mall, June 1-4 preceding the Concours.

Call Al Friend, 325-2588, if interested in displaying your Vair. Details at the meeting. We need carpeting for at least under the wheels. Who can help?

6. Corvair Tune-Up and Overall Inspection for \$1

Open to W.P.C.C. members only and Corvairs only. We will accept renewal checks at the tune-up session! START - 12 NOON at Devereaux Chevrolet in Freeport. TUNE-UP DEMONSTRATION - at 1 P.M. HOPE TO FINISH UP BY 4 P.M. or so.

Wayne Jones, with the help of Jim Stokes and John Costantino have set up a wonderful club service, that I'm sure will become a twice a year annual happening. This has got to be the best reason of all to belong to W.P.C.C. It means a lot of free labor by a lot of great guys, but they are willing to do it in order to take W.P.C.C. one step closer to being that great club we referred to earlier. We do ask, however, that all plugs, points, condensers, etc. be purchased from John Costantino, at discount, of course. It's the least we can do to thank Bill Devereaux for the use of the facilities. If you have new plugs, points, etc, bring them anyway, incase John runs short.

Wayne has printed a list of possible problem areas to be checked on each Corvair. You will leave with a list of possible problem areas that should be taken care of. Several of the people doing the tune-ups also do other Corvair work, and appointments can be made on the spot. Let's keep 'em running forever!

7. THE STEEL CITY CONCOURS II

Most of the ground work has been laid and early publicity is having an effect already. A very nice article about the red, white and blue Corvair fleet appeared in the March "Voice of Syria" newspaper. A picture was also published and it seems to have been accepted with great enthusiasm. I will have a copy at the meeting. Denny Hamill has sent press releases to at least ten auto related magazines, and announcements have been sent to neighboring chapters and to Corsa. Wayne Jones may be able to have the trophies made by an uncle for almost nothing, he will have a sample at the meeting. Wayne and I have worked up the info, and registration form; it is being professionally set up and will be printed after we finalize a few items at the meeting.

Many thanks to the following people, who have devoted a lot of personal time and effort toward initial set-up of our big week-end: Wayne Jones, Dave Fabyonic, Denny Hamill, Curt Buchanan, Chris Smith & John Lloyd, for his invaluable help in setting up the various press releases.

Committee chairmen are still being assigned and worked out. You have better attend the April meeting to protect yourself!! Please come to the meeting with an idea where you would like to work.

Bob Smith is in charge of Saturday's activities. We need a lot of help on Saturday, and a lot of drivers.

8. NEW MEMBERS

Frank Yenko
112 Highland Dr.
McMurray, Pa.
941-6436

Yes, Frank Yenko is Don Yenko's father, and we certainly are happy and proud to welcome you into W.P.C.C. We all remember you from your visit to our 1976 Concours. Frank presently owns a '68 convertible.

Ron Marko
120 Glen Garry Dr.
Coraopolis, Pa.
457-6039

Ron is a 34 year old aircraft mechanic who owns a '66 Corsa conv. and a '69 Monza cp. Ron, it is certainly understandable that with an appreciation of aircraft engines that you would drive Corvairs. Ron already belongs to Corsa.

Mel Zimmerman
103 Valley View Ave. Ext.
Alliappia, Pa. 15001
378 2190

Mel is a lithographer who owns 4 Corvairs, and is joining Corsa now, also. Mel was recruited and signed up by Wayne Jones. Welcome aboard, Mel.

9. FOR SALE

3 - 95 Van, Florida car, 66 rebuilt eng. all vinton seals, auto, radials, best trade deal on 64 or later coupe or sedan. Scott Dow 828-3277

Parting out 69, all parts cheap, blk/blk, all tinted glass, auto trans - Ron McNeish
441.9903 eve.

67 Monza, 4 dr, 110, auto white/blue, 23,00 mi. offers Mrs. Albert Lorch - 828 4272
(Oakmont).

66 Monza cp. auto/110, lt.blue/blk, 50,000 mi. exc. cond, offers around \$1000.
Howard Finney 863-3852

61 Lakewood, part. dism., good body, restorable, 110/auto, grn/grn, lots of extra parts included - \$200 - John Greenwald - 795-5719.

69 Monza cp. 110/auto, blue/blk, 69,00 mi, extra engine, some rust, offers, Mrs. Frank Summers - 353-1983.

65 Monza, 110/auto, 70,000 mi, blue/blue, good mechanics, fair body, offers, Jerry Carter, Cannonsburg 745-0632.

67, 500 auto. cp, no windshield, good body, tires, x-member, 60,000 mi., and

67, 500 4 sp. cp, good runner, bad body, 35,000 mi. - offers - Norbert Sliwinski,
Monroeville - 372-0538.

1 - 700 snow tire & 5 hole wheel, lots of tread - \$5.00 - Jim Ackerman, Murrysville
327-2394.

WANTED

NON-positraction differential, internals only, early or late model O.K. Will buy or swap for other parts. Tik Lageman - 276-4879.

10. TECH TIPS: More on Corvair Valve Adjustment of T.K. Lagaman

Regarding John Greenwald's article a few issued back, I would like to add the following:

I prefer the valve adjustment method specified by G.M. (explained in either the shop manual or "Corvair Owners Handbook of Maintenance & Repair" pg. 153), because you only have to rotate the engine manually twice. (This can be done easily with a 3/4" box end wrench on the harmonic damper/pulley bolt). This method presupposes that the engine is in tune, and that you have indexed your crank pulley (Call me for an easy way to do this).

Lash the valves with the engine "stone cold" unless your engine has lifters that leak down (in which case use method described by John Greenwald). If your engine has lifters that "leak down" (clatter when cold), or the engine has an excess of 30,000 mi. do not use this method, as it will lead to: valves too tight, which will, in turn, lead to: 1) bad performance, 2) bent pushrods, or 3) possibility of "wiping off" the cam lobes. (Note that the lifters have a stellite face. Over a period of time, they become "flushed" - convex) and will not rotate, thereby interrupting the oil flow between lifter and cam. Since the camshaft is iron, the lifter will destroy your cam! Even on an engine rebuild/overhaul, check the lifters (a set of lifters is infinitely cheaper than another teardown. I would also recommend investing in "Small block Chevy" anti-gall rocker balls & paulocks (Int. gasket etc.) which eliminate many adjustment problems and facilitate adjustment whenever required.

11. FOR THE LADIES: A Word About Your Luncheon Speaker

As you know, we are planning a very nice two hour luncheon, from 12 Noon to 2 P.M., during the concours, for ladies only. I believe that we are the only Corca chapter to think of the ladies with a nice activity during the show. It is for you; the ladies of W.P.C.C.; for the wives of the Zenobia Shriners; and for all lady participants and participants wives. The price will be under \$5, and will include a speaker. (What a Speaker!)

Mrs. Carol Austin is married to Dick Austin, an associate of mine at Merrill Lynch. She is in her mid thirties, has three children, and has been modeling since she was 15 years old. Carol was nice enough to pose for us with three Corvairs. The photos have been invaluable in our promotions, what editor wouldn't publish a picture of a Corvair with a beautiful lady like Carol in the picture!!

She is as intelligent as she is beautiful. In recent years, Carol has been teaching professional development to selected students, who work for a long list of corporations and hospitals. She is an authority on: fashion (wardrobe planning, colors, coordinating), diet and exercise, hair care/styling, skin care; make up (make down, as Carol calls it), social etiquette, psychology of living, and visual poise (body language). Carol will answer questions after her talk.

Plan on attending girls, you'll never forgive yourself if you don't.

12. THIS & THAT

1. "Old Cars" published a fine article on the Fitch Sprints. Rich Taylor, in his American Sports Car Column, did a beautiful job of depicting the Corvair Fitch Sprints in the Feb. 22, 77 issue of "Old Cars." His comments about gentleman, John Fitch, are truly beautiful. Rich's article starts out like this:

"I'm not one of those zealots who's ready to argue that the Corvair is the last word in four-wheel transportation. But I will argue that the Corvair is one of the best designs ever build by General Motors, and maybe the most undeservedly maligned car since the Tucker Torpedo."

2. Corvairs also mentioned in "Old Cars" article about retiring G.M. designer William Mitchell. Bill Mitchell is probably the best styling chief any Detroit corporation has ever had. Visitors to the 1977 New York Auto Show were treated to a display of 12 Mitchell designed GM styling cars. Let me quote one sentence from the "Old Cars" article.

"And, of course, there are the best designs of the Mitchell era: the second series Corvair and the second series Camaro/Firebird."

3. "Old Cars" is published by-weekly for only \$6/yr. (22¢/copy), Write to: "Old Cars" Iola, Wisc. 54945. If you love cars, you'll love this publication.

4. Congratulations to Mike Sullivan who took a second in his class at the March 13, C&T autocross, driving a '69 Vair. Dial OUR-CARS to find out what's going on in the world of local autosports, and get out and do it, like Mike. You and your Vair may surprise a lot of people, including yourself!

5. Ron McNeish seems to be putting the final touches on his Corca convertible. Knowing Ron't pride of workmanship, this should be quite the car, when it's finished. Ron, we need it for the show - keep working! Ron was also featured in a very nice article in the April "Pittsburgh Magazine," which tells of Ron's unique talents as a goldsmith and hand crafted jewelry maker, and discusses his very interesting shop in Shadyside. A copy will be at the April meeting.

6. After getting my '61 Loadside, a guy in an Exxon station watched the car carefully, as I drove in. When he came over he said, "You with GM?" "No.", I said. "This is a new experimental car, isn't it?" "Nope, it's a 16 year old Corvair." "It's electric powered, isn't it?" "If it is, why did I just put \$7 worth of gas in it?" "You guys put together a good cover up, look, it has Texas plates. You're trying it out in all climates."

Oh well, That's the way rumors get started. Bates Murphy