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1. The July meeting was held at the G.M. Training Center and was very well attended. It sure was great to see so many new members with so much enthusiasm. What a future this club has!! We discussed our concours, the national convention, a Scotty Deathers survey, and had a good tech. session. Al Thomas of the Pittsburgh Training Center then gave one of the most interesting & informative presentations that we have ever heard. He went into all of the aspects of the Hader fraud right up to quoting the actual statement that went into the congressional records of the United States. It is so tragic that the news media of this country encourages this sort of thing by publishing only one side of so many issues concerning this particular public figure. As we have said so many times in the past: Thank you so very much, Al.

2. Our next meeting will be held at 8 PM, on Thursday Aug. 12, in the Community Room of the Monroeville Mall.

The agenda will include:

1. A complete rundown of the National Convention, INCLUDING MOVIES!!
2. The formation of autocross teams to compete in the Three Rivers Invitational, details later in the newsletter.
3. Choosing of a date for a Corvaair Convoy into Washington Co. that Wayne & Judy Jones are working up. Know which Sundays in Sept. are best for you. (The 19th. is already out)
4. A complete financial report on our concours & tee shirt sales.
5. Along with the national convention movies you will see for the first time ever, actual films taken during our frost-across Feb. Convoy!
SEE YA'LL ON THURSDAY NIGHT!

3. VALLEY FORGE NATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT:

We had a good turn out and had a very good time. Corvaair people completely filled up the Sheridan, would you believe 1025 registered, 117 concours cars, and 650 at the banquet! Needless to say, this was the largest national ever! It sure was great seeing people with Corvaair seats & bumpers riding the elevators!

The concours cars were absolutely out of this world! I have never seen so many beautifully prepared automobiles in one place in all of my life. Believe me, Corva is second to no - one when it comes to quality show cars.

WFOC members attending included the Fabyonic's, Jone's, Leary's, Getz's, Hamill's, & Friend's. Also Bob O'Connor, Bernie Weiers, John Galay, Bob Smith, Walt Matekosky. Al & Peg Thomas surprised us by showing up at the concours.

we were also well represented in the competition.

CONCOURS ENTRIES INCLUDED:

Bernie Weiers, 60 Monza Coupe.

John & Irma Getz, 66 Corva - Mid Engined - V-8.

Walt Matekosky, 62 Corva, SECOND PLACE, MODIFIED CLASS.

Al & Carole Friend, 64 Monza Cp. BEST OF SHOW, EARLY MODELS.

AUTOCROSS ENTRIES INCLUDED:

Walt Matekosky, 65 Monza Cp. (Dave's car) FIRST PLACE, S - 2 CLASS time 52.064 sec.

Dave Fabyonic, 65 Monza Cp. SECOND PLACE, S - 2 CLASS time 53.167sec.

Dave made a deal with Walt that included Walt towing Dave's Vair home if they broke it. Needless to say, Dave now has those radial tires!!

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NATIONAL CONVENTION CONTINUED

There were 550 at the banquet, simply because that's all they could pack in. We filled up one complete table, but sounded like ten tables during the roll-call of local chapters. Young David Fabronio did an outstanding job babysitting for the first time, although there was some mention of dancing girls, & Mommy & Dad had quite a time waking anyone up to get back into the room!

The speaker was E.H. Hanson who worked directly under Ed Cole during the entire Corvair project. Mr. Hanson kept us in stitches with his jokes and stories about little production problems such as turning the horizontal fan. The answer came to him while sitting in the dentist's chair. Where have you seen a belt go around a corner besides on your Vair? Some very interesting facts were mentioned: There are presently only 73,834 Corvairs registered, 5.4% of those built. Let me say it again: If you have a good one KEEP IT, if you get the chance GET ONE, even if you have to pay top dollar by today's standards. Here is a direct quote from Mr. Hanson's talk: "If you own a 35 I-51rd, a 50's Vett, or a Corvair Monza, you have a fortune in your pocket."

He also said, "They're not good because they're old. They are old because they are good."

Denny Hamill did an outstanding job selling tee shirts and bumper stickers. We all helped out but Denny did most of it. Unofficially, we took in around \$1000 dollars at the convention, and just today received a big mail order from Gal Clark. It was very nice of Judy Jones & their son "Cramp" to man the tee shirt booth while the rest of us went inside to attend the trophy presentations. A lot of people asked Walt & Bernis, "what's a Chevy from DeWitt?" The highlight of the entire week-and had to be when "someone" put a "DO IT- IN A CORVAIR" bumper sticker on a Just Married decorated Cadillac. IF YOU MISSED THIS GREAT WEEK-END, DON'T MISS THE MOVIES OF IT AT THE MEETING!

4. NOH.....NOH ABOUT THE FRONT COVER OF THE JULY CORSA COUNTIQUEST?
SIX BEAUTIFUL PICTURES OF "THE STEEL CITY CONOURS". THANK YOU MARK BELLIS, & THANK YOU FOR SENDING THOSE PICTURES TO MARK, WHEREVER YOU ARE.

5. THREE RIVERS INVITATIONAL - TEAM CHALLENGE AUTOCROSS!
Sunday, Sept. 5, 76, Eastland Hall (in North Versailles Twp.)

We have been invited to send up to three 3-car teams to compete in this fantastic event. Dave Fabronio is our team captain. If you are even remotely interested, contact Dave A.S.A.P. 387-7361 and attend the August meeting. Let's get our very best drivers out for this one. HOW ABOUT IT KEVIN MURPHY & KEVIN LAGOMANINI??? Dave has the fine print rules & registration forms. Cost is \$10 per driver. Should the club pick up the tab? Let's talk about it Thursday night.

6. LEGAL AUTOCROSS VICTORY FOR DAVE FABRONIO!

Dave drove his 65, LIGHT, AUTOMATIC in the South Hills Sports Car Club's Aug. 1 event. You, Dave and his black Monza captured first place in G/S Sedan class. Dave turned back a foreign swarm of Capris, Austin Merinas, & Honda Civics, among others. His time was also good enough to have won in a Sedan class. It should be pointed out that Dave's car has not been modified in any way. If you practice, like Dave has, you and your American built Vair could also turn back a foreign horde or two. SEE YOU AT THE INVITATIONAL, as a participant or spectator.

7. Dear Corvair owners,

I would like to take this opportunity to advise the membership that I am available to do any mechanical work on your Corvairs. I am trained and fully experienced in all phases of Corvair mechanical repair.

Don Meyer
6011 Hoberton Drive
Verona, Pa. 15147
793-8843

Don is a member of the Vintage Chevrolet Club.

8. CALENDAR OF EVENTS *** Dial - OUR CARES - for all details

687-2277

- Aug. 15 - Twin Rivers autocross. ALSO Alleg. Kiski Ladies Day Rallye
- Aug. 22 - C & T autocross, Therons Country Store, Route 164, Columbiana, Ohio. This one sounds like a great day, details at the meeting.
- Aug. 29 - S. Hills Jaycees antique, classic, & Special Interest Show, South Park, 882-5205
- Aug. 29 - N. Hills S.O.C. Autocross
- Sept. 5 **** T.A.O. Three Rivers Invitational****
- Sept. 11 Vintage Chevrolet Club Show, Beyerl Chev. Monroeville. Up to & including 1963, but they are fairly flexible.

9. NEW MEMBERS

Roy Witter
224 Elmhurst St.
Morgantown, W. Va. 26505
(304) 599-8938

Roy is our first member from "Almost Heaven". He is a 22 yr. old electrical engineer who owns a 62 & a 68 Monza, along with a 66 "500". Welcome aboard Roy.

James H. Bowen
1330 Evergreen Ave.
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15209
821-3828 & 821-1616

Mr. Bowen is a 46 yr. old District Justice who owns a rare 63 "700" four door sedan. We would all like to meet you at the meeting Jim.

Mrs. Michael Theodore
3741 Margate Rd.
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15221
731-7355

Mrs. Theodore is a chemist by profession and drives a 63 Monza. We have just about as many ladies at our meetings as guys, hope to meet you on Thursday.

10. FOR SALE

- 63 Van, 140, 4-sp, new everything mechanically, excellent body, no guppy, beautiful paint job, unfinished interior. offers over \$850. Bill Artzberger, DON'T LET THIS ONE GET OUT OF THE CLUB!!!! 364-6542.
- Corvair powered Avenger, 5 time AAA let. place winner. fresh 110 engine, V.W. trans. Offers also Bill Artzberger. Calm down, Bill is not leaving the Corvair hobby.
- 66, 4-dr. auto. NEW X-MEMBER & COILS, peppy engine, needs body work. \$200 Denny Wilson 387-2662. Buy the X-Member & get the car for free!
- 66 Corsa Sp. Must sell, 140/4, Very clean, fresh engine, many new parts. over \$2,000 invested, best offer, Mike Scallion, (614) 467-5431 after 6. Also many spare parts including new X-Member. DON'T LET THIS ONE GET AWAY EITHER!!
- Parting out 69 sp. 110, auto. front end, doors, glass, steering box, door. also 66 auto. trans. WANT TO BUY: 69 AM/FM, wire covers, or 5 belt bags. John Sabbens 751-7771

11. THIS & THAT

62 WINDOW VAN - GOING TO THE CRUSHER IN ONE WEEK - GOOD GLASS, RUNNING GEAR ETC. - SOMEONE SAVE IT, HOSEK'S WRECKING YARD, MT. TRSY RD. ON THE N. SIDE, (THANKS TO BILL ARTZBERGER)

It was great to see Lee & Chris Berkebile of C & T at our last meeting. C & T will meet at 8:45, Tues. Aug. 10, at the Red Coach Inn in Monroeville. Try to make it.

As of July 24 Jan Lauer became Mrs. Paul Schoeneman. Congratulations Paul & Jan from the entire membership. Jan was one of the hardest working gals at our concours.

It sure was great to see all of our Ohio & Mich. friends at the national.

Next years national will be in Minneapolis, & Tony Fiera is the new Corsa president, a very good choice and a great guy. Wayne Jones feels that we will be ready to hold the national in about 2 yrs. Bob O'Connor is converting to V-8 power in his Vair, you must have been talking to John Geta. Bob. Judy Mikulak's Vair is being completely redone. Bates Murphy & gang took the van to Idaho & back - How about a story on that. Bates! Since we broke the ice, there has been many Corvair articles in Old Cars. The word is out!