

NEWSLETTER

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**CORSA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - \*\*NEW PROCEDURE\*\* \*\*READ THIS\*\***  
CORSA renewals will no longer be processed through our treasurer. When your CORSA renewal arrives in the mail: Fill it out and send it to CORSA, along with a \$12 (YES \$12) check, made payable to CORSA. At a later date, your CORSA membership will be extended by two months because you are also a local chapter member.

**OFFICERS:** President, Al Friend, 325-2588 Treasurer, Carolyn Sullivan, 639-3857  
Vice President, Dave Fabyonic, 327-7361 Secretary, Judy Jones, 882-2109

1. **NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN, AT THIS MEETING, FOR 1978 OFFICERS.**  
Additional nominations and the election will be held during our Jan. 24 annual meeting. **BE THERE OR YOU MAY BE ELECTED!!! LET'S PASS THE HAT FOR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, ALSO.**

2. **OUR NEXT MEETING AND CHRISTMAS/HANUKAH PARTY:** SUNDAY, DEC. 11

Due to popular demand, we will return to The Plug & Piston Restaurant for this year's party. Who could forget the delicious buffet & great time had by everyone last year. Owners, Bob & Jan have reserved the entire place for WPCG. If the weather is cold, Bob will build a roaring fire, hopefully in the fireplace!!

**DATE:** Sunday, Dec. 11

**TIME:** 3 PM - Arrive

4 PM - Brief Meeting

5 PM - Dinner (Buffet \$4.00 adults, \$2.00 under 16)

(Includes gratuity)

6 PM - Fun & Games (Ivan has been selling merchandise, beer, coffee, etc. all year and dumping the proceeds into a barrel. We will break open the barrel, count the proceeds, and turn it over to the treasurer. The barrel will then go to the person who comes closest to guessing the amount inside.)  
Thank you Ivan.

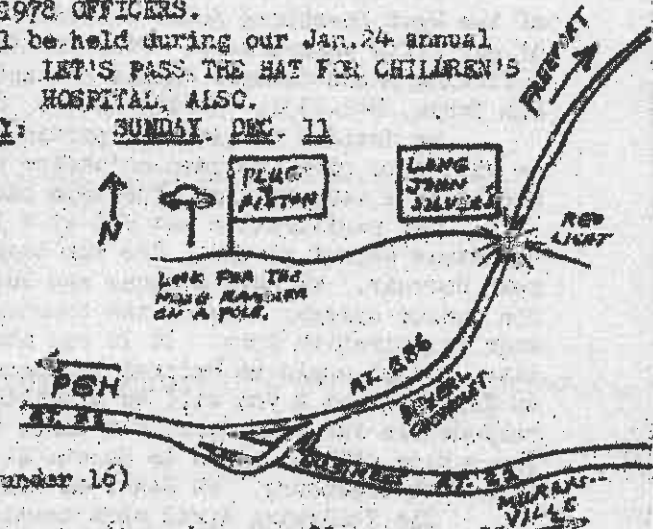
**BRING GIFTS:** One white elephant gift per adult, \$1 limit.  
If you bring children, bring a \$2 limit gift - for your own child.

**SINGING:** Ivan & Tom Watt will again entertain us with their great talents, and hopefully Jan Schoeneran will again do a few beautiful solos.

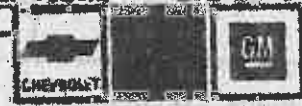
**BAR:** The bar will be open, pay as you go, or run a tab.

**IMMEDIATE FAMILY ONLY** - Due to the increased size of the club, we must limit ourselves or we'll be eating out in the parking lot. Over 75 people attended last year's party. Let's do better this year!

**NO RESERVATIONS NECESSARY** - **TEE SHIRTS & BUMPER STICKERS WILL BE ON SALE.**



Looking for a new Chevy, or perhaps a used car? Well remember our fine sponsors and "GET A CHEVY FROM DEVIS" - Parts manager, and WPCG member John Cosay is tops in Corvaair parts also.



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3. NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

CORSA has changed their renewal procedures, therefore it is very important that everyone read the new procedure on page 1 of this newsletter.

CORSA has also changed their new member procedures, therefore it is absolutely essential that we all dispose of our supply of old WPCG membership applications. Use only new forms, one of which forms the cover for this newsletter.

4. OUR LAST MEETING

Our last meeting was held at the site of our upcoming April 28 - 30 Corvair & antique car show. We were all impressed by the huge W. Leechburg Recreational Mall. It appears that we will be able to accommodate about 50 cars indoors, with any late arrivals accommodated in the huge outdoor lot. We will need about 36 WPCG Corvairs, and Ivan will line up about 18 antiques. The Corvairs will be lined up along the walls and roped off. The antiques will be lined up in the middle & also roped off. This will form a walkway for visitors to follow, similar to the setup in the G M Training Center during our 1975 Steel City Concours.

We all had the honor of meeting Don Troys, & Martin Kotvas who are co-chairmen of the West Leechburg 50th. anniversary committee. This show is also in commemoration of our fifth anniversary. WPCG was founded by Ivan Clever in West Leechburg. The following phone numbers should be kept for future reference: Ivan Clever, 353-2656; Don Troys, 842-2331; Martin Kotvas, 845-3571.

We decided to give all participants a metal dash plaque mounted on walnut. We will also give two peoples' choice trophies, to the top Corvair & antique. This should be a very relaxed, fun type club event, without the pressures created by judging.

Car registration was set at a low \$2 per car and guarantees each participant a handsome walnut plaque. Use the tear off form at the bottom of this page to register your Corvair. We have a three man selection committee to decide which Corvairs get the indoor spaces. One of the considerations will be the date that Joe Buffer received each registration form. It is not absolutely necessary to remit the fee at this early date, but it would be helpful to the club. Keep in mind that we will be setting up on Friday night & you will be committing your car until Sunday night. We will not be responsible for your cars, but there will be round the clock coverage of the building. The public will be asked to donate \$1 at the gate, with proceeds being split 50 -50 with West Leechburg. WE CAN'T BE RAINED OUT OF THIS ONE!!!!!!

- The following April show committee chairmen were appointed:
- Overall chairman, Ivan Clever, 353-2656
  - Selection, Joe Buffer, 523-4801
  - Set up, Dave Fabyonic, 327-7361
  - Rob Holderbaum, 863-6928
  - Finance, The 1978 treasurer
  - John Greenwald, 795-5719
  - Public Admissions, The Murphys, 327-3472
  - Awards, Wayne Jones & Denny Hamill
  - Corvair Raffle, Ivan

The treasurer reported a general funds balance of \$484.89, & introduced a new filing card membership system. Many thanks Carolyn for a lot of work at a thankless job. John Greenwald demonstrated the famous "O" ring change after the meeting.

REGISTRATION FEE: APRIL 28 - 30 \$2 PER CORVAIR \$5 PER OPEN FLEA MKT. SPACE  
 MAIL TO: Joe Buffer, RD#6, Greensburg, Pa. 15601, 523-4801 PAYABLE TO WPCG

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL AM'T \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS	YEAR	BODY STYLE	MODEL	CONDITION CODE	RTF
CORVAIR #1					
CORVAIR #2					

USE THE FOLLOWING CONDITION CODES:  
 (1). Concours Quality  
 (2). Better than Street  
 (3). Street Quality  
 (4). Rough

OPEN FLEA MKT. SPACE (\$5 per space) YES  NO

WPCG MEMBER YES  NO

PAYABLE TO: WPCG

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!!

5. OUR LAST EVENT

3.

Dave Fabyonic & east put on another fun filled autocross school. The stars of the show were Jim Artberger (with his new late model 110), Mike Sullivan (with his 69 that refuses to blow up), and Dave Fabyonic (with the "Green Beast"). The spectators favorites, however, were Carolyn Sullivan, & Patty Greenwald.

Many thanks to all of the members who were on hand to help out. I'm sure that I'll forget someone, but anyway thank you to Sandy Barrows, Ken Jones, Walt Matekosky, Ken Good & son, Pie Schosterman, Ron McKeish, and of course to Dave Fabyonic. The pylons & ropes were again loaned to us by our friends in The North Hills Sports Car Club. The enthusiasm was so great that we even had \$22.59 left over for the treasury after expenses. It was also nice that Arch Miller drove down from Indian Head to watch the action and to turn in \$75 worth of ticket sales. Who said that it was too early to sell those raffle tickets?

6. COLUMBUS, OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING MEETING

On Nov. 5, 77 Carol & I attended a regional planning meeting attended by eight other chapter presidents, and chaired by CORSA Director Bill Klots. The following events and dates are being planned by the chapters in attendance:

- Apr. 29 - 30 Tri State Corvairs, Brian, C. Swap meet & Concours
- May 29 - 31 Vacationland Corvairs, Sandusky, O. Concours, autocross, & rally
- June 3 Corvair Club of Cincinnati, Corvair Revival & Parts Swap
- Late June N. Penna. Corvair Club, Concours for public viewing
- Aug. 13 Friends of Corvair, New Phila. Ohio, Low key fun event & tour
- Sep. 16 - 17 Circle City Corvairs, Indianapolis, Hoosier Auto Show & Swap meet
- Late Fall Red Anchor Corvair, Ft. Wayne, Ind. Concours & Swap Meet

We agreed to exchange newsletters, and to publish an ongoing calendar of events so that we could support each others events as much as possible. National conventions and concours judging were discussed at length, and ideas were sent along to various CORSA committees for their consideration.

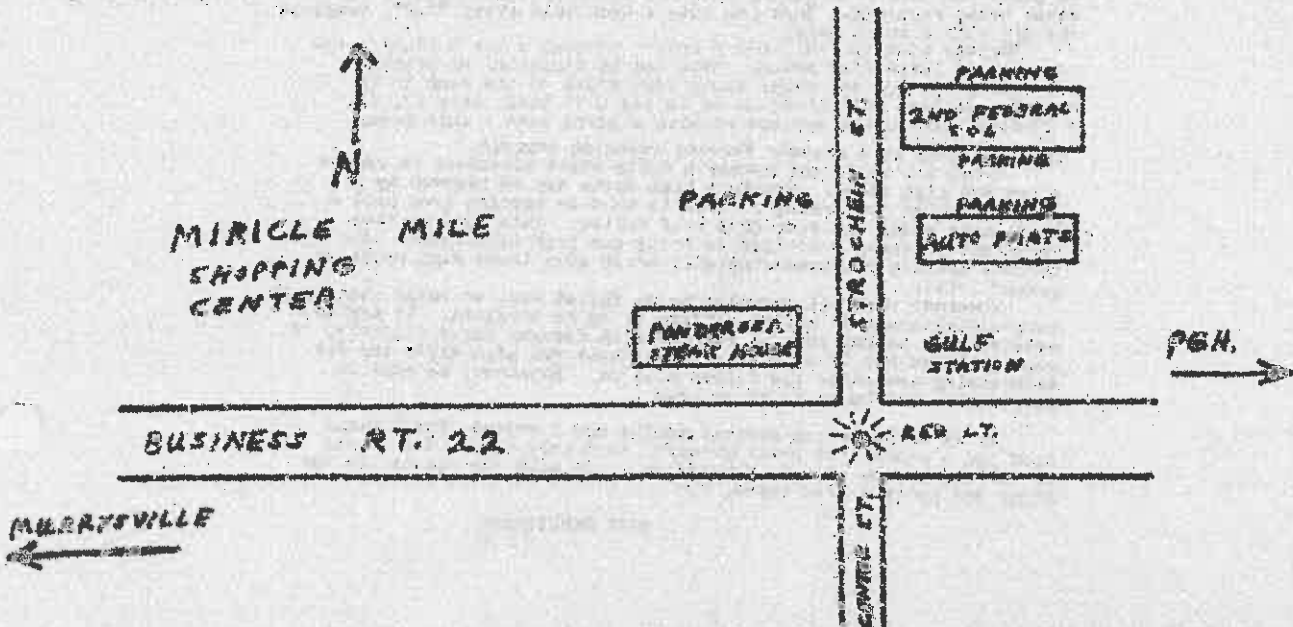
Well, WRCU, we can't expect our sister chapters to continue supporting our events if we don't attend theirs. All of the above events make great weekends, try to work one or two into your vacation schedule.

7. NEXT YEARS MEETING PLACE

NEW DATE

IMPORTANT

Dave Fabyonic has found us a home for 1978. We will be meeting at the 2nd Federal Savings & Loan in Monroeville, adjacent to the Miracle Mile Shopping Center. In order to get the facility we had to change our meeting night to the FOURTH TUESDAY of each month. We had no choice in the matter since it was the only night open throughout the year. Our first meeting at 2nd Federal will be our annual meeting on Jan. 24. Dave is still working to get us into the larger facility at Community S & L, but they are still using their meeting room for storage. Thank you again, Dave. Keep this map for future reference.





## B. Body Shop Series Part V

The fifth in a tremendously informative series of bodywork articles by our own Bill Schmiedlin. Bill requests that NO ONE reproduce these articles without his permission. (3119 Braconry Dr. Aliquippa, pa. 15001).

I cannot tell a lie - to save typing I clipped Bill's article from the C & T Sports Car Club's fine newsletter. Thanks for the typing, Chris, and feel free to clip & reproduce anything from our newsletter.

### BODY SHOP SERIES PART V

From this point on, we will be working with a hypothetical car which we will assume has all the types of damage normally encountered. The car has rusted out areas, and many small dents.

REPAIR THE CAR - Remove all chrome, lights, etc. which are directly attached to the panel surfaces or will interfere with any areas to be repaired. This will make the car easier to work on, expose damage you wouldn't have seen otherwise, and protect these parts from damage from sand blasting, grinding, etc. I usually label parts and wires that are easily replaced, and tape attaching hardware to the part - this will save much time when the car is reassembled.

CLEAN THE CAR - Thoroughly wash the car with cleaning solvent to remove all wax, silicone, lube and oil. This step is not absolutely necessary if the car is to be paint stripped.

MARK & ANALYZE DAMAGE - By sighting down all panels, feeling with hands, etc. locate and circle with a paint stick or magic marker, all dents, rust pits, etc. Take your time here as small dents and other damage are easily missed - especially on a dull, weathered surface. Analyze the damage as it is located and decide how each area is to be repaired (i.e. patch, plastic, glazing putty, etc.). It is often helpful to put an approved indication on marked areas as to the repair medium to be used - this way you don't have to decide twice.

SAFETY FIRST - Cover the engine and tape off areas where you don't want sand to enter. Any glass or chrome adjacent to areas to be sand blasted must be thoroughly masked. Use heavy card board or cut up an old inner tube and tape pieces up areas to be protected. Wear a respirator, leather gloves, long sleeves (buttoned up tight), and face protection while sand blasting. An arc welding hood with clear glass visor works well for face/eye protection. Care must be taken when blasting flat surfaces as the sand will actually expand the outer surface of the metal creating a high spot - Blast areas only long enough to remove all traces of rust. If you're using a blaster that operates continuously, care must be taken while moving from one area to the next. You don't want to blast areas in between, so turn blaster to the ground or shield it with gloved hand or piece of sheet metal. When finished blasting blow off car and/or vacuum to remove all traces of sand.

PATCHING - Make paper patterns of all rusted out areas that must be patched with sheet metal. Use these patterns to make sheet metal duplicates, which are then bent or formed to fit their respective areas. When you are satisfied that a patch fits properly, scribe a line around the edge of the patch. Now, with your panel cutter, remove the rusted metal, leaving 1/2" additional metal to overlap the patch - this will ease peeling or breaking. Clamp or hold the patch in place and tack weld around area sure the patch is tight against the metal being repaired. When you have a leak weld every 1"-2", complete the job with a solid weld.

WARRANTY - Due to the way we use patches with a line - especially on large flat areas. This can be minimized by pecking numerous pecks (or wet rags) along both sides of the seam to be welded. Another good practice is to lay a 1" bead, cap 2", lay a 1/2" bead, etc. until you end up with a solid weld - this keeps heat build-up to a minimum thereby reducing warpage.

Grind all welds and hammer & dolly where necessary to remove rived and high spots. Stubborn high spots may be removed by a process called "shrinking". This is done by heating (red hot) a small area about the size of a half dollar. This spot is then immediately hammered & rolled to bring the high spot level. Alternate heating and hammering will bring even large high spots to proper level.

Remember that all surfaces to be filled must be lower than their surrounding areas if a flat surface is to be attained. It may be necessary to hammer down or scumple sink damaged areas slightly. A straightedge can be used as a final check for high spots and for determining how thick the filler will be. Remember, we want to hold filler thickness to 1/8" or less.

In my introduction several months ago I stated that I would show you a method for getting panel perfectly flat. Next month we will learn how this is done as we start with the plastic filler stage and proceed from there.

Bill Schmiedlin

9. THE RAFFLE CORVAIR (1964 MONZA COUPE, AUTOMATIC, MAROON/BLACK)

Good progress is being made on the 65 coupe that we are restoring to be raffled off in conjunction with West Leechburg's 50th anniversary. Dan & Rose Crawford have completed a beautiful paint job, the car will next be rustproofed, then to John Greenwald for mechanical restoration. John Cossy & Bill Devoreaux have donated new wheel moldings. WE NEED FUNDS FOR THE SIDE WINDOWS, HOPE INSIDE & OUT. If anyone has extras that they could spare, please bring them to the Christmas party.

Ticket sales are going well, but please SEND THE TICKETS TO CAROLYN AS YOU SELL THEM. DON'T LET THE STUBS PILE UP - YOU MIGHT LOVE THEM.

MAIL COMPLETED STUBS & A PERSONAL CHECK (PAYABLE TO WFCC) TO CAROLYN SULLIVAN, TREASURER, RD#2, BOX 411 - A, BALTIMORE, PA. 15681, (412)699-3837.

OR TURN IN CASH & STUBS AT THE MEETINGS & EVENTS. ADDITIONAL TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH CAROLYN, BY MAIL OR AT THE EVENTS.

We will publish the top ten ticket sellers in each newsletter. So far, only four members have actually turned money in. PLEASE TURN ALL FUNDS & STUBS IN AS YOU SELL THEM. BRING ALL PROCEEDS TO THE CHRISTMAS PARTY.

- THE LEADERS SO FAR ARE:
- ★ Arnie Miller - \$75
  - The Sullivans - \$30
  - Ben Hanson - \$20
  - The Friends - \$20

I'm sure that the list will look a lot better after the party. UC YOUR PART!!

10. NEW MEMBERS

Bill & Mary Jane Lowe, Pen. 431-3094. Mr. & Mrs. Lowe contacted us for advice on restoring their 64 Monza convertible. After hearing all about WFCC & CORSA from Walt Watenkesky & myself they decided to join. Joe Buffer & Co. are working on their Monza right now. Bill is 60 yrs. young & is The Director of Negotiations for U.S. Steel. I might add that they are a delightful couple who will make good members.

Stanley & Joyce Allison, Apollo, 478-7460. Stanley is a 36 year old auto dealer who owns a 68 Monza convertible. He was introduced to WFCC by Ivan Clever & Dan Crawford.

Ed Schrecongost, Leeburg, 842-6661. Ed is a 22 year old locksmith, who was recommended by Ivan. We sure could have used Ed at our July gunkshra when Bob Smith & Sons locked their keys in the trunk!!

11. FOR SALE

65 op. 140/4 sp. With sun roof, heads need re-worked, parts car. \$100.

Bill Scanlon, Liberty, 653-3263

65 Corva conv. 180/4sp. Turbo, red, 55,000 mi. \$3,000

W.P. Baker, Marlinton, W. Va. (304)799-6627

12 (Yes 12) restorable &/or parts cars. \$100 each. Ivan Clever 353-3656

65 Corva Cp. 180/4sp Turbo, excellent cond. New tires, paint. \$3,000 also:

65 Corva Couv. 180/4sp. Turbo. Needs a little body work & paint. Good elec. 3sp. \$1600.

Also: Many new parts & chrome. 6 new cylinders, with pistons, rings, & wrist pins, valves, timing gears, ring gear, bearings, etc. Two used 4sp. transaxles.

Ernie Hichecock, Box 16, Fisher, Pa. 16225. Just moved, no phone yet. Write or try pot luck at Ohio Numbers (Sometimes there) (216)457-2510 & 482-5230

Vair oil filters (FH-4) \$32 per case only plus postage.

A.C. 44FF spark plugs, Now discontinued, Only correct plug for 110,140, & 180 engines

1 - 2 sets of 6, \$8.10 per set. 3 - 6 sets, \$7.50 per set. 7-19 sets, \$6.90 per set.

Call or write for ordering info. Stuart Richner, 39-60 46th St. Sunnyside, N.Y. 11104  
Days (212)575-7816 Evs. (212)392-3223

## 1964 ROCKER PANEL MOULDINGS

That's right! Brand new 1964 Rocker Panel Mouldings reproduced exactly as the original mouldings made by GM. Only a limited quantity will be run, so don't miss out. Order now by sending \$45.00/pair plus \$5.00 shipping and handling. Or get together with a friend and order 3 or more pair and we'll pay shipping and handling. (Ready for shipping 1/1/78).

## KICK PANELS

American Corvair Parts, Inc. also has new professionally diecut kick panels for your early models. These panels are available for 1961-64 Coupes, Convertibles, wagons and 4-doors in Black, Red, Blue, Tan and Aqua/Turquoise. Only \$5.50/pair plus \$1.00 shipping. (If color is critical send SASE for color sample).

## CHARMS

Need a Christmas gift for that special lady who puts up with all your cars, parts, etc.? How about a Corvair Car Charm? They're exact reproductions of the ones used for promotional items in 1964-65. Only \$5.00 each plus shipping. Comes complete with attaching hook.

Like these reproductions? Watch soon for 1966-67 new chrome arm rest bases! AMERICAN CORVAIR PARTS, INC., P. O. Box 7466, Louisville, KY 40207. 502-257-5836.

### 12. THIS & THAT

A. Ken Jones & Jim Artberger are planning a winter event for us, INDOCES. How does slot car racing grab you? Jim Stokes & John Greenwald sure perked up when this idea was brought up at the meeting!!

B. Two raincoats were left in Ivan's camper at the Autocross. Would the owners please call Ivan at 353-2656. By the way, Ivan pulled a very rough early model right out of the junk yard, fired it up, and autocrossed it very successfully. (Ivan didn't drive it, however).

C. The Pezels, Joe Buffert & Ken Good represented WFOC at the Makeesport Optimist Club's Auto Show in October. The Pezels' <sup>and Buffert's</sup> haulers brought home very big trophies; but Ken ended up in a very large modified class & didn't place. Sure would like to see those trophies yours, why not give us all a peek at them at the party?

D. Yenko Stingers finished 4th & 7th in a field of 27 in the Sports Car Club of America's annual Champion Spark Plug Racing Classic at Road Atlanta. Because of the tremendous public interest in this race, the SCCA folks scheduled the D Production dash in the feature event slot at the last race of the weekend. The race was won by a Lotus Super Seven. British Leyland's Wedge 7's again failed to bring home the marbles despite many ~~many~~ effort. The eleven yr. old Corvairs were separated at the finish by two Datsun 2000's, also no longer in production.

E. John Coasy of Devereaux Motor fame sold Corvair air filters to Mr. C.W. Waring, who happens to be Fred Waring's uncle. Did you sell him a raffle ticket, John??

F. Denny Merrill turned in \$96.50 in tee shirt sales, & has sent Scotty Smathers an advertisement to be run in the Communiques.

G. Bernie Weiers didn't really have time to sell raffle tickets, so he simply bought \$20 himself. Thank you Bernie.

H. If nothing else, carry a hook in your pocket so you can reciprocate every time somebody sells you a raffle ticket. How about just giving them away at your expense when somebody does something nice for you, or as a tip to that nice parking lot attendant or your barber.

MURKY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

SEE YOU AT THE PARTY!!!